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## Superintendent recommends closing Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Milli Haug met with over 100 concerned Frederic residents for more than two hours Monday evening regarding the possible closing of Frederic Elementary at the end of the current school year.

Haug began by saying that two factors are affecting the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) and together they are painting a grim picture for the future. First, the entire district is facing a steady decline in the student population. Second, the economy in general is in decline. Both of these factors have a direct impact on the school budget.

Since the passage of Proposal A, schools are no longer funded by local property taxes. The basic student grant, now worth \$6,700 per pupil, comes from the state legislature. This grant is funded by sales taxes and when the economy is in decline, fewer goods are bought and less sales tax is collected. The best scenario for next year is that the grant will stay at current levels. However, a cut in the grant is a distinct possibility.

These factors have left the school district with a projected budget shortfall of nearly \$700,000.

Since it is illegal for schools to operate without a balanced budget, the CASD Board must find

ways to trim the budget. Projections indicate the picture for 2004-05 is no better.

Ultimately, 80% of the budget goes to pay for staff with 20% for supplies and equipment. The board plans to cut staff through retirements and resignations. It is seeking ways to make cuts that will have the smallest impact on student achievement.

When asked directly if Frederic Elementary would be closing, Haug said that based on the best information available she will recommend the transfer of Frederic Elementary students for at least one year. If the district looks like it will grow, then the students will be moved back.

When the audience learned it took approximately \$800,000 to operate Frederic Elementary for one year they asked how much would be saved since the building would still be heated, additional bus runs would be needed and no teachers would be cut. They were told money would be saved by teacher retirements, support staff cuts, and the building would not be heated to the same level it is currently, nor would there be much in the way of costs for other utilities.

Haug was asked several times what the rest of the district is giving up and she replied that several options were on the table but nothing had been decided yet. Audience members then asked why closing Frederic Elementary

was the first thing that had been decided upon. Others said the closing was already a "done deal" and nothing they said would make any difference.

School Board President Karl Schreiner said that nothing has been decided. The school board regularly receives recommendations at one meeting and decides on the recommendation at the next meeting. The recommendation about Frederic Elementary will be given at the January 20 meeting and no decision will be made until the February meeting at the earliest.

If audience members come up with some ideas for ways to cut the budget and keep Frederic Elementary open, the Board will not necessarily make any decisions until later in the year.

Suggestions from the audience included busing students from other areas of the county to Frederic Elementary or bringing back some or all of the Frederic middle school students. Audience members were urged by one parent to send their suggestions, in writing, to Haug so she could share them with the Board.

When asked what effect moving the 104 Frederic Elementary students to AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary would have on class size, Haug said it would have a minimal effect.

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## First baby of 2003 has arrived



Higgins Lake residents Cheryl and Donald Kiss welcomed their first child, Brandon Thomas on January 3. He is the first baby of the new year to be born at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

by Cheryl Rulley  
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling announced early this week its first baby born in the year 2003.

Brandon Thomas Kiss missed being a true New Year's baby by just a few days, arriving on Friday, January 3 at 7:15 a.m., weighing in at a healthy 8 lbs. 1 ounce and measuring 20

inches long.

Drs. Donald and Cheryl Kiss, both dentists who make their home in Higgins Lake, are the proud parents of this bouncing baby boy, delivered by local obstetrician, Dr. David LaGattuta, MD, with the help of hospital staff.

Brandon is the couple's first child and everyone is doing

fine.

Cheryl said the service she received at Mercy Grayling was excellent. "Everyone was wonderful and very helpful," she said, especially nurse Becky Grace.

Coincidentally, Cheryl is a New Year's baby herself, born on January 1st. "We didn't ask what year.

## More than 19,000 caught unbuckled

► Sheriff's Office nets \$5,000 grant to help pay for new equipment

The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) reported more than 19,000 safety belt citations were written by Michigan law enforcement officers during the highly publicized "Click it or Ticket" campaign, November 25 through December 8, 2002.

During the two-week enforcement, 484 law enforcement agencies across the state made safety belt enforcement a priority. The 365 agencies providing OHSP with data reported 18,872 citations were for unbuckled adults and 475 citations were written for unbuckled children ages 15 and under.

"The volume of citations written during this two-week enforcement period proves that law enforcement officers were serious about the zero tolerance approach," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "They realize we can't increase safety belt use rates by giving warnings. As belt use goes up, deaths and injuries go down, and that's the ultimate goal."

Overall, belt use in Michigan is 82.9 percent, based on a direct

### Crawford Sheriff's statistics from 'Click it or Ticket' campaign

- Total Patrol Hours - 168
- Vehicles Stopped - 187
- Seat Belt Violations:
  - Child under age four unrestrained - one
  - Child between the ages of four and 15 years - seven
  - Adults and teens 16 and over - 107
- Other violations:
  - Speeding violations - 22
  - Other moving violations - 11
  - Non-moving violations (no proof of insurance, registration, etc.) - 38
  - Felony arrests - 10
  - Misdemeanor arrests - 13
  - Open intoxicants/minor in possession of alcohol - two

observation survey taken following the Labor Day weekend.

Federal funds were granted to 18 counties to put additional officers on the roads during the two-week period, but did not include Crawford County. These counties are the state's most populous and also reflect where crash problems are greatest.

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## NEW ROAD COMMISSIONER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds administers the oath of office on January 2 to recently elected road commissioner, Jim Burtch. He joins Ken Riehle and John Hartman on the road board, replacing Tom Perry who could not run for office due to his military obligations.

## Raise in juror pay may prove costly

► Legislators said jury pay had fallen far behind the rate of inflation

by Cheryl Rulley  
Staff Writer

Among former Governor John Engler's last actions in office was the signing of several bills, two of which will have a direct effect on revenue and expenses for many Michigan counties.

One bill, which became effective January 1, raises the fee from \$25 to \$45 for drivers, suspended due to nonpayment of traffic tickets, to have their driving privileges reinstated.

The second bill, designed to be funded by the revenues of the first bill described, raises the minimum fee paid to jurors from \$7.50 for a half-day's service to \$12.50, and from \$15 to \$25 for each full day's service.

The state Juror Compensation Fund will receive \$15 of the increase from each fee collected as a result of the suspended driver reinstatement bill, and the city or county covering the cost of the local court will receive \$5. Locally, that is Crawford County.

The new juror pay does not

take effect until October 1, leaving some time for counties to prepare for the change and for the Fund to build.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore is a bit skeptical. "The first bill is supposed to pay, and then some, for the raise in juror compensation, but there is no way to know for sure if the formula will work because we don't know what the jury demand will be," Moore remarked. "I just hope the raise isn't just another hit to the county's budget."

State legislators passed the bills because juror compensation had not been increased for many years and was far behind the rate of inflation. They found jurors whose employers did not pay them their regular salary or who were unemployed faced some financial hardship while serving. The raise is supposed to serve as an incentive to citizens to fulfill their civic duty by serving on a jury when called.

Another way legislators and the Governor agreed to raise funds was to increase the fees paid by those requesting a jury trial in civil cases. As of January 1, jury demand fees in circuit court cases rose from \$60 to \$85 and in district court from \$40 to \$50.

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Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Seven members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners were sworn in last Thursday by Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore (far left): District #1 Harold "Tike" Golnick, District #2 Scott Hanson, District #3 Shelley Pinkelman, District #4 Lynnette Corlew, District #5 Dave Stephenson, District #6 Rick Anderson and District #7 Terry Beardslee.

## Corlew resumes board chair status

► Board chair, vice chair elected; assignments made to committees

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has grown to seven and all were sworn in for two-year terms at the Board's annual organizational meeting on January 2.

The board make up is as follows: District #1 Harold "Tike" Golnick, District #2 Scott Hanson, District #3 Shelley Pinkelman, District #4 Lynnette Corlew, District #5 Dave Stephenson, District #6 Rick Anderson and District #7 Terry Beardslee. Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore administered the oath of office and the board got down to the business of electing its Chairperson and Vice Chairman. By a unanimous vote in both instances, Corlew was elected to serve as the Board's Chair and Hanson will serve as Vice Chair.

Hanson has been serving the last two years as Chairman and Corlew had previously served in the position from 1999-2001.

Committee chairmanships have undergone some changes. Heading up the Ways and Means Committee will be Stephenson, who replaces the recently retired Elizabeth Wieland. Beardslee will take over the helm of the Judicial Committee, replacing Corlew. Golnick and Pinkelman will remain the chairmen of the Law Enforcement and Personnel and Labor Committees, respectively.

Regular monthly meetings are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the courthouse in Grayling as follows: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

Monthly committee meetings are set for 9:30 a.m. on January 8, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.

Besides their duties of decision-making and budgeting for the county, the commissioners

also represent constituents and the best interest of all county residents on various boards and agencies serving Crawford County.

The following is a list of committee assignments. The Commissioners will attend a variety of meetings and will play an important role in the decisions of these agencies during the course of the next year.

Besides serving as Board Chair, Corlew will serve with Emergency Management, Public Health, the Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Northern Counties.

Vice Chair Hanson will serve with Emergency Management, Public Health (alternate), Planning and Zoning, Environmental/Soil and Water, the Economic Development Fund (EDF), Parks Commission (alternate), and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) as its alternate.

In addition to his role as Law Enforcement Committee Chairman, Golnick will serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Commission on Aging, the EDF, Parks Commission, and Mobile

Medical Response.

Pinkelman adds to her list of duties, besides Chair of Personnel and Labor, serving as alternate for the Community Corrections Advisory Board, liaison to the Road Commission, and Public Health.

Judicial Committee Chairman Beardslee will serve with the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) in Alpena, the Northeast Michigan Consortium in Atlanta, Mobile Medical Response and the county's Audit Committee.

Ways and Means Committee Chair Stephenson will also serve with Community Mental Health, Planning & Zoning, Youth Services Bureau, and the Industrial Development Committee.

Anderson will serve with the Family Independence Agency, Strong Families/Safe Children, Crawford County Collaborative Body, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse, Michigan Northern Counties (alternate), the Library Board and NEMCOG.

For more information on any of these assignments, call the commissioner assigned or Clerk Moore at 344-3200.

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## C.A.R.E Night promises fun, prizes

► United Way fund-raiser is set for January 25 at K of C Hall

The Crawford County United Way is hard at work finalizing arrangements for what promises to be an exciting kickoff to its 2003 annual fund-raising campaign.

The C.A.R.E. Night Auction is set for January 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. Many of the same activities from last year's event will be returning for the auction this year.

The popular "bucket raffles" will be one of the ways in which everyone can participate at a very affordable price. Also returning for this year's event will be the silent auction, 50/50 raffles and door prize drawings. Paid admission of \$5 per person enters each attendee into a number of door prize drawings throughout the evening.

The highlight of the evening will be the live auction focusing on some wonderful donated prizes, as well as local "celebrity" special events for purchase.

"We've had an absolutely wonderful response from the business community this year in terms of donations," said United Way Executive Director, April Brunger. "We've got such a wide variety of items, everyone is sure to find something to take home."

A sampling of items available


for purchase includes: dining packages from local restaurants, gift certificates from area retailers, an autographed Red Wings hockey puck, casino packages, a family sports pass for Grayling High School athletic events, an auto detailing package, golf packages, and much more. A complete list of items and their donors will be available in next week's *Avalanche*.

All auction and raffle proceeds go directly back into the local community. Monies raised from the evening will allow the Crawford County United Way to provide funding to 16 local human services agencies serving local residents. Representatives of many of these member agencies will be in attendance and, if asked, will be happy to share their first-hand experience of how their agencies benefit from contributions to the United Way.

"So, be sure to mark your calendar and plan on attending this year's festivities," urged Brunger. "Help us build a community of caring."

Doors open at the K of C Hall on Saturday, January 25 at 6 p.m., with bidding to start at 7 p.m. Purchases can be made by cash or check. A cash bar will be available and the Knights of Columbus will be selling a variety of food throughout the evening.

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## More than 19,000 caught unbuckled

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The grant-funded enforcement was supplemented by hundreds of other Michigan law enforcement agencies taking part in the mobilization, including the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Grayling City Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office issued 115 seat belt violation tickets during the campaign and was among 365 agencies to submit its statistics to the OHSP. In return, the sheriff's office was entered into a random drawing and won a

\$5,000 grant Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said will be used to purchase another car video camera to be used during pursuits and traffic stops.

"We have one car equipped with a camera right now and it has proved very valuable when presenting evidence in court," Wakefield said. "Recording traffic stops saves on court time, thus saves money."

OHSP Grants Manager Debbie Savage said the random drawing was held to avoid having the contest appear to be based on a ticket-writing quota. "We just wanted to reward law

enforcement agencies for taking part in the campaign, bringing more awareness to the importance of buckling up," Savage said.

A record number of law enforcement agencies submitted their statistics, making the campaign the best ever.

According to Savage, Sheriff Wakefield should receive his grant in about two months.

For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death. According to the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), if every state conducted high visibility enforcement, 5,000 to 7,000 lives could be saved nationally each year.

In addition to safety belt citations, police made 1,256 arrests for alcohol-related offenses during the enforcement period. In Crawford County, Sheriff Wakefield reports the campaign resulted in 10 felony arrests on outstanding warrants and many speeding tickets were written.

*Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Ruley contributed to this article.*

## New state laws cover a variety of issues

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A raise in juror compensation, the suspended driver license reinstatement fee, and jury demand fees were only three of the issues covered by a variety of bills signed into law by former Michigan Governor John Engler during his final hours in office. Five other important issues were also among those addressed and have the potential of affecting local citizens and protecting children.

Effective January 1, members of the clergy are required to report cases of suspected sexual

and other abuse of a child to law enforcement, holding the clergy to the same law that requires members of the health care community, social workers and educators to do the same.

Also for the protection of children was a bill signed ordering the establishment of an "Amber Alert" plan, pairing the Michigan State Police with television and radio stations to provide the public with prompt information regarding missing children.

The Amber Alert system was first established in California, and the trend is growing nation-

wide for each state to establish its own system.

On the business front, auto dealers are now allowed to charge up to \$160 for document preparation on the sale of a vehicle. The previous limit was \$40.

For state employees serving legislative, judicial and executive offices, an early retirement was offered as a money-saving measure for the state.

Employees with combined years of service and age totaling 75 years were eligible and had until December 31, 2002 to apply for early retirement. Those who chose to do so have until

mid-January to opt out. Those who choose early retirement must leave their jobs by the end of January.

Perhaps the most controversial bill concerns cutting the state budget by \$63.7 million. The bill is part of a package to reduce state spending by \$460 million in fiscal year 2003, and operate on a balanced budget. No decisions have been made on where the cuts will be made, but Governor Jennifer Granholm said late last week some important programs will see cuts.

She also promised not to raise taxes.

## Superintendent recommends closing FES

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She said kindergarten classes would have 18 students, first grade would have 19, second grade 21, third grade 23, fourth grade either 23 or 26 depending on how many classes there were, and fifth grade would have 24 students in a class.

Several people commented closing the school would "rip the heart out of Frederic." One parent said if the school is closed, the district would probably have trouble ever getting any support from the north end of the county.

One parent with students at

Frederic Elementary said she thought it was ironic that several of the people who expressed concern about the possible closing of the school were either home-schooling their children or sending them to Gaylord.

Several members of the audi-

ence asked if the January board meeting could be held at Frederic Elementary since it concerned the possible closing of the school. Schreiner said, barring any legal problems, they would be willing to have the meeting at Frederic Elementary.

## Alleged purse snatcher arraigned in Circuit Court

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A local man was arraigned on Monday in 46th Circuit Trial Court for allegedly wrestling a purse from a customer at Glen's Market early last month.

Suspect William Benjamin Boyd's case was bound over from 83rd District Court last month when enough evidence

was presented by the Crawford County Prosecutor's office and the Grayling City Police to send Boyd to trial.

On December 4, Boyd was held by store employees awaiting the arrival of police after they witnessed the theft inside the store and caught him in the parking lot as he attempted to flee in a car with the customer's purse.

Boyd has been charged with one count of unarmed robbery, a 15-year felony, and two felony charges of writing checks on closed bank accounts. Boyd remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$55,000 cash bond.

Boyd stood mute at his arraignment before Chief Judge Alton Davis and a not guilty plea

was entered on his behalf. No trial date has been set.

## New trial dates set in school bomb threat case

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A jury trial has been scheduled to take place March 19-21 in 46th Circuit Trial Court in the case of a former Grayling Middle School teacher who admitted to calling in a bomb threat early last year.

Kathryn Olson has been charged with one felony count of making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device, causing the school to close for the day. A search of the building and grounds revealed no bomb or other explosive device. She is no longer teaching at the school.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis will preside over the trial and has issued a pretrial order that there are to be no additional delays or adjournments in bringing the case to trial.

Olson remains free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. If convicted, she faces up to four years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,000.

## Rape suspect allowed to undergo evaluation

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Chief Judge Alton Davis granted a request on Monday, allowing rape suspect Charles Robert Starkey to undergo forensic and psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial.

Starkey's court-appointed attorney, Richard Jaskowski, said it will take two or three months to complete the evaluation.

Starkey is accused of sexually assaulting a 47-year old Maple Forest Township woman, then stealing her pickup truck and leading law enforcement officers on a high speed chase down I-75 on the evening of December 8. Starkey gained entry to the woman's home when he asked

to use her telephone and bathroom. The woman reportedly knew Starkey as an acquaintance who performed carpentry services in the area.

The 37-year old Starkey was arraigned in 46th Circuit Trial Court on January 6 charged with armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct (CSC) 1st degree (with a weapon used), fleeing and eluding police - 4th degree, felonious assault with a firearm, possession of a firearm, and unlawful driving away an automobile. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$1,000,000 bond.

Starkey faces two life sentences if convicted of the armed robbery and CSC charges.

### Correction

In an article published December 19, 2002 regarding the cancellation of a Commission On Aging (COA) program benefitting senior citizens, Sherry Haag's employer was incorrectly identified. Haag is employed by Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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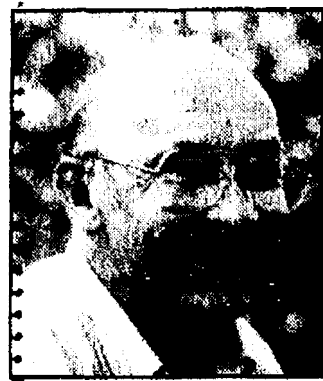
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### New Michigan governor is off to a soaring start

LET US HOPE that Michigan's new Governor Jennifer Granholm made a video of DVD or whatever they do these days to preserve the aura and images of her inaugural activities.

She may want to review it now and again as she grapples with all the problems and uncertainties that face her in the next 48 months as an on-the-job governor.

The whole inaugural shebang created warm and fuzzy feelings about their new governor in the hearts of most Michiganders. If she were running for re-election next week, she'd win in a landslide.

In a nutshell, Jennifer Granholm carried off her inaugural as Michigan's first woman governor in stellar fashion. There was hardly a hitch over

the week or so of festivities.

In my book, her inaugural address was great -- although that opinion is not unanimous.

Thomas Bray, *Detroit News* columnist, didn't like it, for example. He figured the beginning about being Michigan's first woman governor was all right, and the ending was okay, although invoking "my fellow patriots," Mr. Bray wrote, was "a curious note that perhaps reflected her self-consciousness as a foreign-born citizen."

But in between, Mr. Bray claimed, "came what can only be described as a huge pile of philosophical mush."

Well, yeah, I suppose some critics could call it mush, but I'd guess most Michiganders don't agree with Mr. Bray's analysis, other than some down-the-line Republican die hards.

BESIDES, WHAT better time than in an inaugural speech to indulge in philosophical rhetoric?

There's time enough later for hard details of dollars and cents and program starts and cuts. The details can wait. An inaugural is time for sweeping phrases and soaring words about ideals and hopes and challenges.

Jennifer Granholm more than filled the bill. Sample these phrases excerpted from her inaugural address:

"Now as I walk through this door that 44 men have passed through before me over 167 years of this state's history, I must stop and honor all those who made it possible for me to even reach this door....

"Now that the door has been opened, my friends, you must

come in. All of you. Come in to the halls of government. Come in to the living room of democracy....

"Citizenship in a democracy is not a spectator sport, particularly in times as tough as we are in. You heard that song, if you had the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance. Dance with us in government....

"You were drawn here today. Someone rapped upon, tapped upon, whispered at your door. Someone, flesh or spirit, said 'Go, you need to be there this moment, when history is made.' Our history, the story that began with our founding fathers and mothers, beckons to you, right now, and says quite simply, 'You matter.'"

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM also invoked the memory of

President John F. Kennedy, and his plea to citizens to "ask not what the country can do for you....but ask what you can do for your country," which is one of the most frequently quoted phrases of the 20th century.

"If 10 million of us asked what we could do for Michigan," Governor Granholm asked, "what wonders would our reality hold tomorrow?"

Let us hope Governor Jennifer Granholm holds memories of her inauguration week close to her heart, to comfort her when reality returns and political times grow chilly, as they certainly will.

As a Democrat, she must work with a legislature controlled by Republicans 63-47 in the state house, 22-16 in the state senate.

Politically she faces a near impossible task as a new gover-

nor. She must balance a 2003-4 state budget that is \$1.8 billion or so short. She must stare new taxes or cutting state services face to face, and decide which unsavory choice to pursue....or more likely both.

Former Republican State Senator Joe Schwarz, in his losing primary campaign for governor last year, predicted that problems facing the next governor were so severe that he or she would be a one term governor, no matter which candidate finally won.

Will Jennifer Granholm be able to prove Joe Schwarz is a lousy prophet? From what she's shown so far, she may be able to pull it off.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Small business lists priorities for 2003 legislative session

With a new governor and a newly elected Legislature, the 2003 legislative session holds promise for Michigan's small business community.

Top legislative issues for Michigan's small business community include reform of out of control health care costs, continued phase out of the Single Business Tax, repeal of the prevailing wage law, back fair competition in public works bidding, prevent inconsistent local living wage laws, and support of family friendly "comp time" legislation.

"The 2003-04 legislative session will hold many opportunities and challenges for Main Street," said Charles Owens, state director of the 23,000-member Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). "With the current budget shortfall taking center stage, small business has a vital role in helping lawmakers understand that raising taxes and fees on the economic powerhouse of this state will only exacerbate the situation."

Owens listed several highlights of the small-business legislative agenda for the 2003 session:

**Controlling spiraling health care costs.**

The cost of health care continues to be the No. 1 problem for small business. "Most of the fixes for health care problems reside at the federal level where NFIB is supporting the rights of small business to band together across state lines and form pur-

chasing groups, limit runaway malpractice claims and strengthen medical IRAs," Owens said. "Unfortunately, some in the state Legislature and in the Commissioner of Insurance Office could make matters much worse at the state level with more coverage mandates and new laws that make Blue Cross/Blue Shield the only game in town for small group coverage."

**Reinstate the "Single Business Tax" (SBT) Phase-Out.**

While Public Act 115 of 1999 began the process of repealing the SBT by reducing the rate by 0.1 percent per year starting January 1, 1999, the phase-out was stopped in 2002 due to budget pressures. In the tax year ending 2002, the SBT rate will be 1.9 percent, and it is scheduled to end in 2010. However, without a continued lowering of the rate, it is doubtful that lawmakers will allow a tax that could raise as much as \$3 billion by 2010 to just cease to exist, Owens said. "Small business wants lawmakers to hear loud and clear that they will not support a replacement tax or other measures that would shift the state's business tax burden unfairly onto their shoulders," he said.

**Oppose raising and indexing the minimum wage and unemployment benefits.**

Big business has made it a priority this year to index, or tie, the minimum wage and weekly unemployment benefits to an inflation multiplier. This would

automatically increase the wage and these benefits without legislative oversight, and would cost Michigan small business millions, Owens said.

Support state preemption of local minimum wage laws.

In recent years, many Michigan cities, townships, and counties have created local living wage laws on businesses that do business with their governments or derive a benefit from their services. Small business owners believe that some laws and regulations must be left to the sole authority of the state in order to prevent a patchwork of inconsistent and confusing local laws concerning wage levels, Owens said.

**Support family friendly "comp time" legislation.**

Both federal and state labor laws require employers to pay employees overtime pay at a rate of 1.5 times their base hourly wage if they work more than 40 hours in a work week. Some have proposed that Michigan workers would benefit from changes in labor laws that would allow the option of taking compensatory time instead of overtime pay. For example, rather than accept overtime pay, an employee could opt for time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour worked of overtime, Owens explained.

**Other small business legislative priorities:**

- Support personal property tax exemption on the first \$100,000 of business personal property
- Require "Supermajority" vote by the Legislature for any state increases.

- Seek clarification on workers' compensation fraud and disability related issues.
- Monitor "land use planning" schemes that diminish the value of use property.

For more information on NFIB/Michigan's 2003 legislative priorities, contact Charles Owens or Andy Deloncy at (517) 485-3409.

*The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the nation's largest small business advocacy group. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals.*

## COA money is for needed services

To the editor,

Program cuts, along with misleading the public and the Commission on Aging Board, have become the mode of operation for the Senior Center Staff.

To cut the hours of services to homebound seniors when in fact the Director received a \$15,000 raise and thousands of dollars in benefits two years ago, and has now been given a multi-year contract and more (costly) benefits, should have this community at full attention.

There are so few seniors now served... there are so few opportunities for seniors according to the multiple needs to be served by this Commission on Aging, such as transportation assistance, chore assistance, socialization, medication programs, and respite programs for families.

We should not be focusing on fund-raising one more cent at that center. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars for services available and not one minute should be spent on cuts. All of our time should be spent on a plan to service the seniors and their families in this community.

When the millage was passed in Crawford County for the senior programs, it was passed to provide services that are needed and not to be saved. Because we have planned poorly and not served efficiently, we should stop bragging about

saving money for some rainy day.

There have been (adult) daycare funds available from the Region 9 Agency on Aging for several years. We do not have the capability to provide this program. We can not even write for the grant. Just more talk. We do not have the staff with the training to run this program from the director to the personal caregiver.

We have made no effort to acquire this knowledge including even visiting one daycare center in the region. We have the best in the state in Gaylord and have never once been there to observe or to learn from their experience. We do not have the space to accommodate these individuals who so need our assistance and so do their families. We need this program. It will never happen with the present staff.

We have a Director who does not write her own information to the public. The information given to the Board is never factual or clear and many times, downright misleading. The project approved for Mercy Health Care at Home is a good example. The project was approved by the Commission on Aging Board for the unit dollar amount with the ability to re-up if the services were needed and the Commission could continue to afford them.

What the public was never told, and perhaps the Board either, is that many new refer-

rals came to the commission through this program. We should continue this program on the facts.

The ability to work with the Commission on Aging budget is one of the main requirements for the present Director's position. That includes planning for the future and adjusting the present. It is also the director's responsibilities to supervise the work of the bookkeeper. The blame game has got to stop.

Director (Nova) Anderson has to take some responsibility for stopping the Mercy Health Care contract and the needed services because she did not care enough to understand the facts and she must stop making recommendations that are misleading to the Board and the public.

Maybe a good recommendation would be a planning committee to project the service needs of the senior citizens in the future with members of community non-profit agencies participating.

We hear many rumors about being \$46,000 over budget. Setting here in Frederic, even I can figure out where the money is.

Fair warning: The seniors need and deserve better. Fair warning: I and a few of my good friends will be 60 years old soon.

Barbara A. Selesky  
Frederic

## Former COA employee still wants to help

To the editor,

On Friday morning, January 3, I was fired by Nova Anderson, Director, from my job at the (Crawford County Commission on Aging) Senior Citizen Center after having been there for almost 17 years.

The very next day, I received a telephone call from one of my (former) clients from the Center, an 87-year old lady with whom I had been helping with her letter writing and bills, etc. and, above all, being a friend.

She seemed to be in a very crucial state of mind because of the season and her family members having gone back home, and all that entails. She was very shaky and seemed depressed, alone and afraid she might do something stupid to end it all.

She called me at home because she needed to talk to someone she could trust.

I was able to calm her down and make things more hopeful for her. I told her I would be there for her anytime and would

continue to help her through trying times, even though I was not employed at the Center any longer.

That has been my mission for all of these years, and since it can't be through working at the Center, I will continue to help on my own.

Remember, call Jan at 348-7445.

Jan Farley  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## Homebuyers class corrects number

The telephone number to register for homebuyers classes through the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation has been corrected. It is (989) 705-3018. The program can assist homebuyers with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase education and maintenance training. Classes will be offered in Otsego County through the Gaylord Adult & Continuing Education program beginning in February. Additional classes for the other counties served will be announced at a future date. For additional information, contact Alice Yeoman, toll-free, at 1-866-637-1834. Northern Homes CDC is an independently run non-profit organization created to address the growing needs for affordable housing in northern Michigan. It currently serves Crawford, Otsego, Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

## There's still time to get a flu shot

Anyone who has not received a flu shot should know it is not too late to get one this season. The Crawford County office of District Health Department #10, on Meadows Drive in Grayling, still has supplies of both flu and pneumococcal vaccines. Anyone interested in getting one or both of these vaccines should call the Health Department at 348-7800.

## Skyline hosts Wertz Warriors event

Despite the current lack of snow, the Rosco Higgins Trail Cruisers are plowing ahead with their charity event on Saturday, January 11. This year the event is a ride-in to Skyline Ski and Country Club, supporting Wertz Warriors' efforts to raise money to benefit Special Olympics. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be a "drive in," otherwise a ride in. There is no charge for the ride in. A bonfire and other activities are planned and food will be available. Donations are highly encouraged to help Special Olympics. To get there by snowmobile, take the Skyline Trail toward Roscommon, watch for markers on the trail for this event. If traveling by car, take Skyline Road off of Old 27 south of Grayling (take the Four Mile Road exit from I-75). The full day of events begins at 11 a.m. and continues into the evening. For more information, call Jerry or Vivian Balmes at (989) 275-5445.

## 4-H youth archery classes to begin

Youth ages eight and above learn the exciting sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bears Bowman Archery Club, under the direction of Bill Weaver.

Archery classes will start on Monday, January 13, on Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. with advanced classes at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

To begin, youth must be eight or above by the date of the first class. For advanced class, youth must have received a 4-H Certificate of Completion of beginners class.

The classes will run weekly

for eight weeks. The cost for the eight week session is \$16.00 per child. Equipment will be provided. Advanced classes may bring their own equipment.

Classes will be held indoors at the Bears Bowman Archery Club at Hanson Hills.

Register now at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration is limited so enroll now. For more information you may call the 4-H Office at 344-3264.

Income related scholarships are available.

## Steel Pan Band to perform in Mancelona

"Music of the Caribbean" will be performed by Sun Radius Steel Pan Band this week in Mancelona.

The concert, sponsored by Concord Academy Antrim (CAA) and Pathways Arts Council (PACK), will be held Friday, January 10 at Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium, 5055 Corey Road, in Mancelona.

Music from the Caribbean Islands and Latin America will be combined with pop tunes performed on steel pan drums.

The event is funded in part by an Arts and Culture grant from

the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and is the first in a series of events to be presented for the public. Future programs include a February Valentines Swing Concert, Community Theatre stage production, and performance by Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets for "Music of the Caribbean" will be available at the door for \$5 (adults) and \$3 (children and seniors). For more information, or to reserve tickets, call Pathways Arts Council at (231) 258-2979 or Concord Academy Antrim at (231) 584-2080.

## Support group forming for victims of sexual violence

For victims of sexual violence, counseling is one avenue of healing the past. Counseling services have regularly been available through River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services.

To complement the counseling services, a support group for women who have been victims of sexual violence will begin January 21.

One woman who is thinking about participating in the support group said she looks on the group as an opportunity for rebirth and a new beginning. In her words, "It is a chance to do away with the old and put it in its place. Given this hope, the new

year is an excellent time to begin the group."

The 10 weekly group sessions will be offered in Grayling, with the first two weeks open for people to join. After the second meeting, the group will be closed to new participants. "A closed group creates a safer environment for participants," explained Maria Klosowski, RSM, co-facilitator of the group.

For more information about the support group for victims of sexual violence or to register to participate, call River House Shelter at 348-3169 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169. Ask for Kathy or Maria. Prior registration is required.

## Fisherman donates book collection

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library received a huge boost to its George Griffith and Marion Wright Memorial Collection.

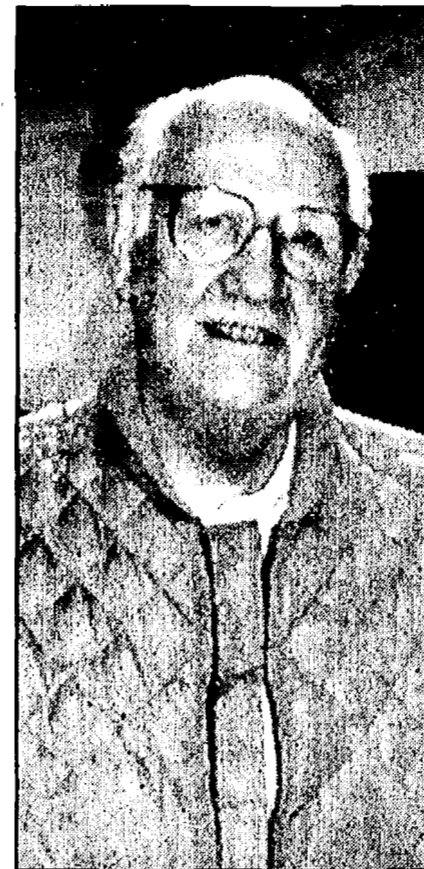
Dr. Homer Smathers, of West Bloomfield, brought a small convoy to the library carrying his entire collection of trout books. Both his car and that of one of his sons were full of boxes.

"It will take us quite some time to catalog and process all of these wonderful books," said Library Director Edward Elsner.

A very energetic 86 years old, Dr. Smathers has been collecting trout fishing and fly-tying books for over 40 years. He has fished for trout across the United States, with fond memories of Yellowstone and the Orvis streams of Vermont.

His connection to the Grayling area? Dr. Smathers helped train Dr. Ramaswamy, a member of the Mercy Hospital medical staff.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to share his collection



Dr. Homer Smathers recently donated an entire collection of books about trout to the local library.

tion with the world," Elsner said.

## Parents invited to learn about state education savings plan

Michigan Education Trust (MET) will conduct presentations at elementary schools throughout the state during the 2002-03 academic year. MET's next enrollment period is January 2 through August 30.

A presentation will be held at Grayling Middle School on Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. and again at 7:25 p.m. to discuss detailed information about the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP).

The presentations allow parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, civic organizations and other interested individuals an opportunity to obtain information on saving for future college education.

With a MET contract, purchasers prepay tuition for chil-

dren to attend college in the future. With an MESP account, owners can save for the entire cost of higher education. MET and MESP are both Section 529 programs and provide tax incentives, flexibility and portability.

MET and MESP information is available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) (click on Education) or by calling the MET office at 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-1543) or the MESP office at 1-877-861-MESP (1-877-861-6377).

Please note: Presentations may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Call the MET office for cancellation information.

## Literacy program needs volunteers

A volunteer initiative in partnership with the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and the Crawford AuSable School District will soon be offering adults in Crawford County a library-based adult literacy program.

Anyone interested in working with an adult whose goal may be the ability to read a child a story or to read the notes that come home from school, now is the time to volunteer and become a trained tutor for The Community Reads Program.

Tutor training for this one-on-one library-based program will be held Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Lunch will be provided.

To register, call the library at 348-9214.

## Free seminar to discuss small business retirement planning

The public is invited to attend a free seminar, hosted by investment representative Kurt Loll of the financial services firm, Edward Jones.

The seminar, titled, "Small Business Retirement Planning," will begin at 7 p.m. on January 14 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

The seminar is free, but seating is limited. Call Loll at 348-6964 to make a reservation.

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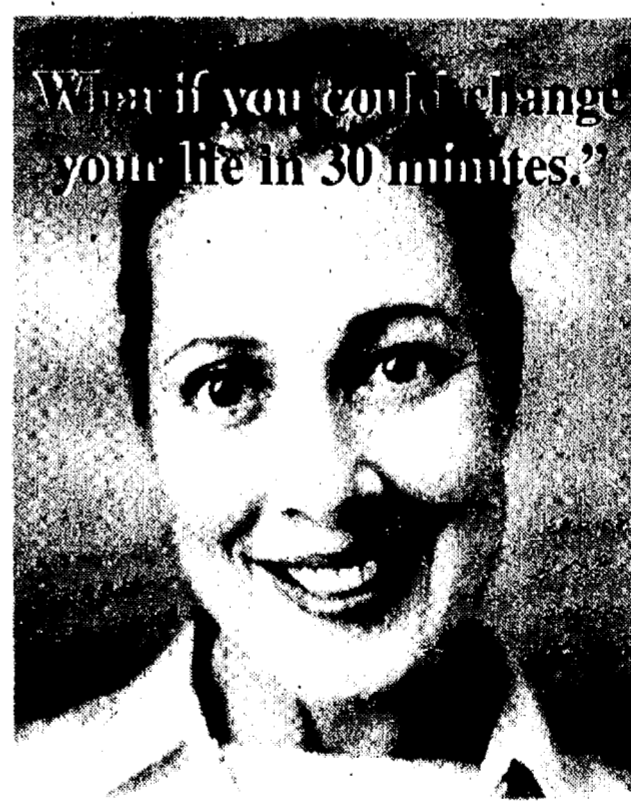
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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Faith in God

Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer gives brilliant insight into former President Ronald Reagan's life. I plan a series of topical reviews from this 339 page book with the intent of highlighting his greatness. We will start with Reagan's strong faith in God, which I believe was the real source of Reagan's wisdom and courage.

As Schweizer said, "Reagan came to believe that his life had been spared by God for a divine purpose: defeating communism." Reagan, like Abraham Lincoln before him, believed in the hope, "That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom." He believed as early as 1952 that America was a nation with a divine purpose founded by a divine plan to be "the last best hope of man on earth."

When Reagan was sworn in as President his left hand was resting on his mother's Bible. He had the God's Word opened to 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Reagan said back in 1964 that "The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets, but a test of wills and ideas, a trial of spiritual resolve." As Reagan said in 1974,

"I've always believed that we were, each of us, put here for a reason, that there is a plan, a divine plan for all of us."

When Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr, he believed his life was spared by "miraculous factors." After leaving the hospital he wrote, "Whatever happens now I owe my life to God and will try to serve him every way I can." He believed he was spared for a reason because there was something the Lord wanted him to accomplish, Reagan said, "And I have decided that whatever time I have left is left for Him." Reagan found his Faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior to be more important than life itself.

Reagan believed that communism was abhorrent to God because it denied God. Reagan believed that a child was taught under communism "from the beginning of his life that it is a human being whose only importance is its contribution to the state, that they are wards of the state, that they exist only for that purpose, and that there is no God, they are just an accident of nature. The result is they have no respect for human life, for the dignity of an individual the Communist party has substituted Karl Marx for God." Reagan believed communism had to be defeated as the great false God of the twentieth century. Reagan believed religion would turn out to be the Soviets, Achilles' heel. Godless atheism was the real enemy.

Years later Reagan read words crudely spray-painted on the wall near the Reichstag in East Germany, "This wall will fall, Beliefs become reality." Reagan later said, "Yes, across Europe, this wall will fall. For it cannot withstand faith. It cannot withstand truth. The wall cannot withstand freedom." Later, at the gate itself, Reagan spoke those famous words, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." Reagan knew that faith in God is our ultimate source of freedom. Reagan's God defeated Communism. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Nurses now trained to provide holistic care to church members

Six northern Michigan nurses have recently completed the Parish Nurse Preparation Course through the University of Detroit Mercy and Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Janet Wander, Michele Morey, Eleanor Smith, Joyce MacDonald, Roberta Lukins, and Rhonda Haske each attended 36 hours of class time that included participation in activities and lectures on the roles of a

Parish Nurse, spiritual care, health promotion, loss and grief, grant writing, and ethics.

Rhonda Haske is a Parish Nurse at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

The others are serving churches of varying denominations in the communities of Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau, Traverse City and Bellaire.

These six nurses join the

increasing group of nurses committed to providing holistic care to members of the parish or congregation.

A Parish Nurse serves as a minister of health within the context of the local faith community, giving witness to the healing ministry of Jesus.

For more information on the Parish Nurse Preparation Course, call Mercy Hospital Grayling at (989) 348-0403.



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

Nurses celebrate their recent completion of the Parish Nurse Preparation Course through the University of Detroit Mercy and Mercy Hospital Grayling.

## How Far Will You Go?

"Above all, challenge yourself. You may well surprise yourself at what strength you have, what you can accomplish."  
—Cecile M. Springer—

In the dictionary the word "success" is listed as a noun. However, is it possible that true success can be viewed as an ongoing journey, perhaps more aptly a verb? If so, what is the route and where do we find our direction? What about the detours? Through trial and error...mostly error...it is found that if you continue to follow the route numbers you are given, the detours won't deter you from reaching your destination. Don't take another road because you doubt your direction; you will get lost every time.

We read in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Your faith in God will increase your strength and your confidence. It will give you the courage to continually challenge yourself on the road to success. How far will you go in life? Begin by worshipping at your local church or synagogue this week, for you will go as far as your faith will take you.

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Sept. - May  
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Saturday.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School  
Saturday.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting  
Tuesday.....7 pm
- Lovells Chapel**  
**Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey**  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....7-8 pm
- Free Methodist**  
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**Daniel Baldermann-Associate Pastor**  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Service.....11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm
- Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship.....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School.....9:30 am
- Heritage Baptist**  
**Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411**  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm
- Grayling Assembly of God**  
**Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor**  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885  
Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm
- The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
**Pastor Paul Rolfe**  
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic  
Sunday  
Worship.....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
**President David Page**  
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Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon
- Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
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501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service &  
Children's Church.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm
- St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
**Pastor Wayne Knockel**  
710 Spruce Street  
348-5224  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am
- Community of Christ**  
**Pastor Carol Stephan**  
North Down River Rd. at  
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188  
Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm
- Friendship Church**  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
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Saturday Vigil Mass.....6 pm  
Sunday Masses.....8:00 am  
Family Mass.....10:00 am  
Scripture Study  
(Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses.....9:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am
- First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
**Pastor Dale Hammond**  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm
- St. Francis Episcopal**  
M-72 West  
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Eucharist.....8:30 & 10:30 am
- Resurrection Life Church**  
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Wednesday.....7 pm  
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E-mail: [pastorjim@rlcnow.com](mailto:pastorjim@rlcnow.com)
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**Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor**  
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Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
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**Scott Hoffer, Pastor**  
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TV 29 & 8.....9 am  
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Sunday Worship.....11 am  
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Wednesday  
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- Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
**Pastor Lyle Studer**  
211 Shellenbarger St.  
348-5325  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday  
Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm
- Grayling Baptist Church**  
**Affiliated with S.B.C.**  
**Pastor Terry Colby**  
705 Madsen St. • Grayling  
348-2557  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm
- Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am
- Luzerne Baptist**  
**Pastor James Durfee**  
2247 Durfee Lane  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

- Harvest Time Church of God**  
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am
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# IRS web site expands for 2002 filings

► Taxpayers will find new features, options and more services at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

Michigan taxpayers will find new web site features, expanded free e-filing options and more helpful services as the Internal Revenue Service opens the 2003 tax filing season. Taxpayers also will see reduced tax rates, more deductions and fewer forms to file.

Last week, nearly 1.4 million tax packages and 920,000 electronic-filing brochures began arriving in Michigan mailboxes. The IRS estimates about 4.6 million individual returns will be filed in Michigan this year. The mailing of tax packages has traditionally kicked off the filing season, but millions of taxpayers each year abandon paper returns in favor of going electronic.

Taxpayers will be provided with more options than ever with expanded online assistance at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov). Key changes being introduced for the 2003 tax filing season include:

- Taxpayers can check on the status of their refund by visiting the "Where's My Refund?" section on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

- For the first time, more than 60 percent of all taxpayers will be able to prepare and electronically file tax returns for free on the Internet. The IRS Free File program, offered through private-sector partners, will be available beginning in mid-January through [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

"The IRS makes history this year with new electronic services for taxpayers. We want to make it easier than ever for taxpayers to get help, and [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) does just that," said IRS Michigan spokesperson, Sarah Wreford. "People can use the web site to answer many of their tax questions. They can use [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to find options for free e-filing programs. And taxpayers can use the web site to determine whether their refunds are on the way."

The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 2002 instructions for Form 1040, which many Michiganders received in the mail last week, contains a partial listing of helpful publications that can be viewed on-line or ordered by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM. The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site also contains plain language explanations for many tax issues. Publication 17 "Your Federal Income Tax," also is a plain-language guide for individuals and can be viewed online.

"The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site already is one of the busiest in the world. We urge taxpayers to give it a try this year. They will find it helpful and easy to use," Wreford said. "We're trying to provide taxpayers with as many options as possible to get help when they need it and [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) is

ready with the click of a mouse."

Another new [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) feature is "Where's My Refund?" which will be highlighted on the home page. Taxpayers can easily check the status of their refunds by using a little information found on their tax return:

- Taxpayer's name (on a joint return, the first listed);
- Social Security Number (on a joint return, the first listed);
- Filing status (single, head of household, married filing jointly, married filing separately, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child);
- Refund amount claimed.

With just a little information, taxpayers can use [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to track their refund status. "Where's My Refund?" also can tell taxpayers if the IRS has received their tax return. It can let them know if there is a problem and how to resolve the problem. For those who do not use direct deposit, the "Where's My Refund?" feature can also tell taxpayers if the IRS was unable to deliver their refund through the mail.

"Taxpayers can instantly answer the question that most concerns them: Where's my refund?" Wreford said. "The feature will tell taxpayers if the check is on its way. It will tell them when the refund was deposited or mailed. And it will tell them if a mistake is being corrected."

In addition to "Where's My Refund?" on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), there is also a toll-free refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954. Taxpayers will need the same information as for the web site to find out the status of their refund.

In another landmark step, an agreement between the IRS and a consortium of participating tax software companies will allow more than 60 percent of Americans to be eligible for free tax preparation and electronic filing. More information on who will qualify for Free File will be announced later this month. The program, which will be featured on the front page of [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), promises new avenues to easy electronic filing for millions of Americans.

IRS e-file already receives raves. The American Customer Satisfaction Index survey of electronic filers found a satisfaction score of 78 out of 100. That's a better score than many private companies receive and one of the highest in the federal government.

Last year, a record 47 million tax returns were filed through IRS e-file (1.4 million in Michigan). E-filed returns, when combined with direct deposit, can mean refunds within 10 days. Refunds from paper-filed returns can take up to six weeks.

"We started IRS e-file in 1986, but in recent years there's been a phenomenal growth in electronic filing. Millions of people recognize its convenience and security," Wreford said.

Other 2002 tax year highlights for taxpayers include:

- Reduced tax rates. Most tax rates have decreased and a new 10 percent tax rate applies to all filers.

- Schedule B. Most taxpayers won't have to file a separate Schedule B unless either their interest or dividend income exceeds \$1,500. The change means 15 million taxpayers will have one less form to fill out. Previously, taxpayers had to complete a Schedule B if they have more than \$400 in either taxable interest or dividends.

- Tax deduction for teachers. Educators may deduct up to \$250 in out-of-pocket expenses they paid for classroom supplies.

- More working families may qualify for the Earned Income Credit as a new law excludes nontaxable income such as supplemental military pay for housing or combat from the credit computation.

- Deduction for tuition and fees. Taxpayers may be able to deduct up to \$3,000 of qualified tuition and fees paid in 2002 for higher education for themselves, their spouses or dependents.

- Retirement Savings Credit. Taxpayers who meet certain income guidelines may be able to take a credit of up to \$1,000 for qualified retirement savings contributions.

In addition, the personal exemption increases to \$3,000. For those taxpayers who do not itemize, the standard deduction increases to \$4,700 for single, \$6,900 for head of household, and \$7,850 for married filing jointly. Also, the maximum Individual Retirement Arrangement contribution increased to \$3,000 for the 2002 tax year (\$3,500 for taxpayers 50 and over in 2002).

The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site is also a good source to explore the tax changes in effect for the 2002 tax year. The Newsroom sec-

tion contains many news releases and fact sheets on recent changes. Publication 553, "Highlights of 2002 Tax Changes," will provide detail on tax law changes of interest to individuals and businesses.

The IRS is also introducing some new toll-free telephone numbers this year to expand customer service to individuals and businesses.

Small businesses, corporations, partnerships and trusts that need help or information related to business returns can call:

1-800-829-4933. Individuals needing tax help can call 1-800-829-1040 to speak to a customer service representative or arrange a visit at a Taxpayer Assistance Center.

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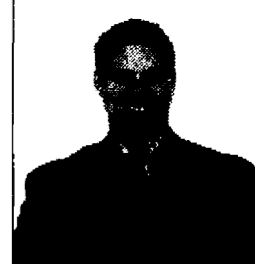
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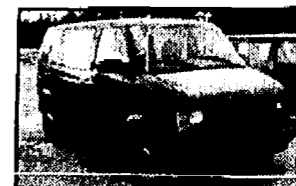
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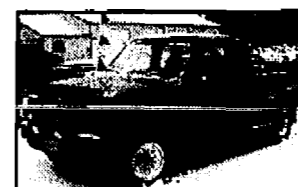
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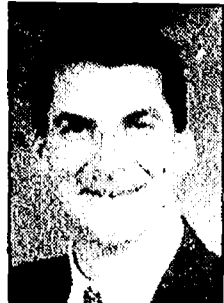
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## Gingerich, Ferguson engaged



Nicole M. Gingerich and Thomas G. Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gingerich of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Mr. Thomas George Ferguson, Jr. (Kip) Mr. Ferguson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson of National City.

Dr. Gingerich is an audiologist, currently at Valley ENT Associates, PC in Saginaw. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moshier of Grayling and the late Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gingerich of Tawas

City. Mr. Ferguson is currently the Vice President of Entrecon, Inc. in East Tawas and is a software trainer and website developer. He is the grandson of Mr. Norman Schuster and the late Mrs. Glade Schuster of National City and Mrs. Arlene Ferguson and the late Mr. Thomas Ferguson, formerly of Bay City.

The wedding will take place in February 2003 at Garland Resort in Lewiston.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 8 - 14 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard on the following date: January 14.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post

Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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**Carolyn Mary Murphy**  
Feb. 29, 1932 - Jan. 5, 2003

Carolyn Mary Murphy, age 70, of Grayling, died on January 5 at Tendercare Nursing Home, Gaylord.

Born on February 29, 1932 in Mt. Clemens, she was the daughter of Fred and Lucille Ann (Trombley) Dittrich.

Carolyn was a member of the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

On November 15, 1949, Carolyn married Joseph Murphy in Frederic, who preceded her in death on January 4, 2002. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Lucille Dittrich.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda (Bernard) Bentley of Frederic; one son, Michael Murphy of Mancelona; two grandchildren, Lori (Craig) Reimer of Hale, David (Lisa) Bentley of Vanderbilt; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gerald (Lou) Dittrich of Williamsburg and Thomas (Rita) Dittrich of Lake Leelanau.

No services will be held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

**Leesa Kay Patterson**  
December 15, 2002

Leesa Kay Patterson, age 44, of Grayling, died on December 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Leesa was employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Grayling Nursing Center.

She was preceded in death by her father, William A. Goucher who died in 1997; and preceded her brother David M. Goucher who died on December 23, 2002.

Surviving is her mother, Janet K. Goucher of Grayling; brother, Terry (Phyllis) Goucher of White Lake; five daughters, Autumn Patterson, Felecia Patterson, Patricia Patterson, Khrystal Patterson, Megan Patterson; and special friend, Edward Phillips.

She was a loving mother and daughter and will be missed by all who knew her.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to everyone for his or her support and sympathy for Cindy Calkins (LaMotte). Thank you to the nurses at Grayling Mercy Hospital, they were wonderful to Cindy and our family. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Community of Christ and for all the helpers that put the dinner together after the funeral. The flowers and plants that were received were all so beautiful.

Cindy fought a tremendous battle that she won because she never gave up no matter how hard it got. It was so nice to see that her life had touched so many others. She had so much support from her family and friends. The outreach from the community was and still is amazing. To those who have prayed for Cindy and our family, thank you.

Tim Calkins  
Nici and Clark Wilcox  
and family

**Myrna R. Pike**  
December 19, 2002

Myrna R. Pike, age 74, of Grayling, formerly of Grand Rapids, died on December 19, after a long, courageous battle with illness.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gordon Lachmann.

Surviving is her husband of 54 years, Hilmar; children, Deborah (Jack) Folkema, Sheryl (Harry) Shade, Ross Pike and Rhonda (Brian) Dunham; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving are her siblings, Doris Lachmann, Kenneth (Wilma) Lachmann, Wilma (Bernard) Bennink, Marcia (Daniel) French, and Paul (Beth) Lachmann; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Funeral services were held on December 23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Jenison. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park.

**Lewis Konvicka**  
December 30, 2002

Lewis Konvicka, age 93, of Roscommon died December 30.

Services were held at Sorenson Funeral Home on January 2.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

**Dallis "Mike" "Dally" McGillis**

July 22, 1931 - Jan. 2, 2003

Dallis "Dally" McGillis, age 71, of South Branch Township died January 2.

Services were held at Walsh Funeral Home on January 5.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

**Shirley Mary Zimmerman**

December 30, 2002

Shirley Mary Zimmerman, age 70, of Luzerne died December 30. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Roy Louis Lovely would like to express their sincere gratitude for all of the floral and memorial offerings, as well as the prayers and support for our beloved father, (grandfather, great-grandfather). Thank you to Reverend Robert Nalley of St. Mary's Catholic Church for the wake service and mass. Thank you to the St. Mary's Ladies Guild for providing the luncheon. Thank you, also, to the Crawford County Sheriff Department Honor Guard for the ceremony honoring our father. Thank you to Art Thayer for the military service and presenting the flag to Mom (grandma, great-grandma Lovely). Thank you to the International Chemical Workers Union Local 799 for the beautiful Bible.

The Family of  
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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

January:

9 - Chicken Stir Fry/Baked Ham; BP's taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Education Classes resume at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

10 - Sweet and Sour Pork/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

11 - Foot Clinic by appointment.

13 - Home Pride Steak/Liver and Onions; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Chicken Chop, Suet/Meatballs; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m. and Housing Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

15 - Beef Tips Noodles/Italian Pork Roast; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon and Craft Class at 1 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: Promises may get friends but it's performance that keeps them.

# Local car dealership under new ownership

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Ford dealership located on Business Loop I-75 in Grayling changed hands December 2, when Scott McNamara, who already has Ford dealerships in Gladwin and Roscommon, became the new owner.

Mike Duffy, who recently retired from the offices of Ford Motor Company, where he worked with dealerships, is the new general manager. He said when he knew McNamara was going to purchase the Grayling dealership, he wanted to work with him. Duffy said McNamara has won the highest award given by Ford to dealers for his work to achieve customer satisfaction. McNamara's goal is 100% customer satisfaction.

Duffy says he plans to be in the office every day and has been working to get ready for the upcoming spring season when car sales usually increase.

Duffy has also been working on employee morale which he says has increased since the change in management. Duffy said when the employees are happy, it gets reflected in the



Photo by Susan Warrington

Sales Manager Len Mahaffy and General Manager Mike Duffy are ready to help customers at the new Scott McNamara dealership in Grayling.

work they do with customers. This, in turn, leads to increased customer satisfaction.

Helping Duffy is the new Sales Manager Len Mahaffy who was

promoted from the Roscommon dealership. Mahaffy, a Grayling native, is working on the grand opening to be held in March.

One advantage the change in

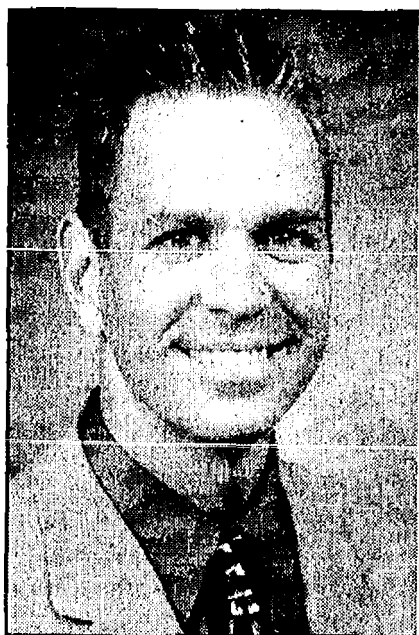
dealership has given local customers is the option to have the vehicle they purchased at the Roscommon dealership serviced locally.

## Specialist joins Mercy staff

Brian J. Gedeon, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Internal Medicine.

A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Gedeon completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Dr. Gedeon will practice at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville and is accepting new patients. His office may be reached at (989) 366-2900.



Brian J. Gedeon, MD

## Local Mensa chapter offers membership admission testing

Northern Michigan Mensa, local chapter of Mensa, the High IQ Society, will offer the Mensa Admissions Tests in Traverse City on January 25. Approximately one in 50 Americans qualifies for admission, potentially 10,000 northern Michigan residents.

Mensa is growing rapidly in northern Michigan. The local group has over 75 members in an area from Ludington northward to Sault Ste. Marie. Members range in age from the teens into retirement, and have a wide variety of professions and interests.

Activities are scheduled each month in Traverse City and occasionally in other areas with clusters of members.

Mensa membership is available to all who score at or above 98% of the general population on a Mensa Admissions Test or a number of other standardized intelligence tests.

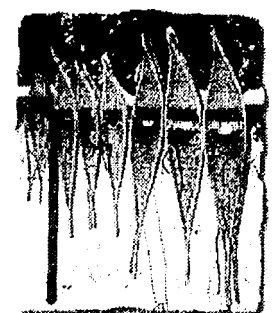
For more information on testing, contact Dr. John D. Schultz, Proctor Coordinator, at (231) 275-6735 or nwoodpc@charter-mi.net. Test sessions will be held in other cities in the region as interest grows.

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## Trailer sales lot moves to new location



Photo by Susan Warrington

Manager Ken Stoddard shows off one of the many trailers on the lot at the new location for USA Trailer Sales.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

USA Trailers, which has been in the Grayling area for approximately five years, recently moved to a different location - at the junction of M-93 and M-72 just west of town.

Manager Ken Stoddard said it is a much better and more visible location. He said they've had several people come into their store and comment that they thought the business had just started up in this area, because they had not noticed it in the old location.

Stoddard said the move was instigated by the crowded conditions at the old location. He said it became so packed it was hard to do an inventory.

Now that they have more room, they plan to have a greater variety of trailers and add snow plows and truck accessories to the list of products they handle.

Stoddard said the new facilities also allow them to give faster service in their expanded service area.

This is the northernmost location of the five USA trailer sales in the state, so many of their customers come from throughout northern Michigan.

For more information, or to check out the trailers available, call 344-8034 or drop by the new lot. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

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The Lansing-based group offers a repertoire of attention-getting tunes from sentimental favorites to popular rock-n-roll, spanning the 1930s through the 1990s, performed entirely without instrumental accompaniment. With their vocal sound effects -- a virtual orchestra which includes guitars, drums, maracas and even bagpipes -- audience members have been known to come backstage after a concert to see where they hid the instrumentalists.

The Grayling performance of Three Men and a Tenor is scheduled for January 21 in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn. (Current season ticket holders please note the date change from that printed on your tickets.) It is second in the Command Performance Series



Three Men and a Tenor

and includes dinner.

Entree choices are Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib, served with mashed potatoes, vegetable, house salad, rolls, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the show to follow.

Tickets are priced at \$27.50

each and includes tax and tip. They may be purchased at the Crawford AuSable School Administrative Office, 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

This Three Men and a Tenor dinner show is brought to Grayling through the efforts of the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program and is funded in part by

a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and by a partnership with local businesses and individuals.

For more information on this event or any of the other cultural events offered as part of the 2002-2003 Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program, call 348-7146,

## Remodeling completed at local restaurant

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Wendy's is having a grand reopening celebration January 13 - 17 to celebrate the end of their nearly year long spruce-up project.

It began last year with an overhaul of the kitchen, followed by work on the outside of the building.

Recently the only way to eat at Wendy's was to use their "drive-thru" window because the inside was under construction. The dining room is now reopened with new furniture and a new rug. In addition, the seating area has

been rearranged so customers in line to be served and those picking up condiments and napkins are not near the dining area.

According to Bob Wright who operates the Wendy's in Grayling, Gaylord, and West Branch there will be different specials each day of the grand opening week. At the end of the week there will be a grand prize drawing.

Wright also said he liked being involved in the community drive to help seniors get cell phones for emergency use and looks forward to becoming more involved in community events in the future.



Wendy's manager Bob Wright presents the newly remodeled dining room at his Grayling restaurant.

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## Health care system reviews challenging year

Following a fiscal year that was economically challenging for health care providers across the nation, Munson Healthcare is asking for continued support from the communities it serves.

That was one of the messages presented during the 2002 Munson Healthcare annual meeting of the Corporate Membership held recently at Dennis Museum in Traverse City.

"Our health care system, even though it is one of the most efficient and highly rated in terms of its finances compared to hospitals in the state of Michigan, still does not generate enough money from operations alone and certainly not from investments in the last three years, to continue to invest in the technology, drugs, and infrastructure that will be necessary to serve us in the future," said Jim Dutmers, Jr., Chair of the Munson Healthcare Board of Directors. "The request

for capital needs is substantially larger than our net profit."

Accordingly, Dutmers indicated that support of friends and neighbors, through their donated dollars, has been, and will continue to be, a critical ingredient to Munson's future success in serving its communities.

In addition to Dutmers, reports were made by John Rockwood, President and CEO of Munson Healthcare; Ralph Cerny, President and CEO of Munson Medical Center and Hospitals; and Ed Carlson, Chief Financial Officer.

There was also an educational session on "Physician Relationships and the Challenges of Patient Referrals in Northern

Michigan," by Grayling physician Douglas Slater, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at Mercy Hospital Grayling and David McGreaham, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at Munson Medical Center.

Munson Medical Center and Hospital's Trustee Greta Wilcox was presented a plaque in recognition of her many years of service to Munson Healthcare.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, Munson Healthcare reported 25,083 admissions, an increase of 9.5 percent over the previous year, while outpatient registrations rose 6 percent to a total of 634,221 outpatients.

Munson Healthcare provided \$18.9 million in free services,

including \$11.5 million in Medicare and Medicaid that was not reimbursed, \$3.9 million in direct write-offs of patient bills, and \$3.5 million in community service.

Munson Healthcare reported operating income of \$7.9 million, but investment income suffered a loss of \$7.1 million.

Officers of the Munson Healthcare board are Chair Jim Dutmers, Vice Chair Susan Bondy, Treasurer Jerry A. Carlson, and Secretary John P. Snedeker. Reappointments and new members to serve through 2005 include Robert C. Foster, Donald L. Fraser, D.O., Thomas Gartland, David H. Ripper, M.D. and Terry C. Rogers.

## This is School Board Recognition Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month -- a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

The theme of this year's celebration, "They're Counting on You: Leadership for Learning," reflects the combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that all children succeed, said C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District (ISD) Superintendent Robert Jones.

In the COOR ISD area (Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties), school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational issues which impact the entire community, Jones said. "They bear responsibility for annual

budgets, students, employees and school buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy -- volunteer public service, and preserve the core of our democratic land -- public education."

Jones invites everyone to recognize and celebrate the work of school trustees. "Invite them out for coffee," Jones suggested. "Ask how you might help support your local neighborhood schools. Invite the community to write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for

kids in your district."

Jones said he would like to recognize the following people:

- Crawford AuSable School Board - Karl Schreiner, Marilyn Rosi, Carol Ramaswamy, John Pilon, Melvin Nunn, Gary Pettyjohn and James Tobin.

- The COOR ISD Board of Education - Robert Carpenter (Mio), Roderick Martin (Houghton Lake), Bernadine Dosch (Grayling), William Langendorfer (West Branch), Larry Roggow (Mio), Nancy Persing (Grayling), Lois Byrd (Roscommon).

## Local grad named finalist for Winter Carnival Queen



**Crystal Pilon**

Grayling High School alumna, Crystal Pilon, has been named a

finalist for the 2003 Winter Carnival Queens Competition at Michigan Tech University in Houghton.

She is sponsored by her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Applicants were required to undergo a preliminary interview process in order to become one of the eight finalists who will go on to compete in the "Queens" Coronation on Saturday, February 8.

Finalists will be judged on grade point average, talent presentation, formal interviews and stage presence. For the talent portion of the competition, Crystal will be performing a comedic interpretation of "Fractured Fairy Tales" from the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons.

Crystal is the daughter of Jack and Ruth Pilon of Grayling.

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## Sentencings for December, 2002

### Hon. Dennis Murphy

David Eric Lepsy, age 43 of Grayling - License plates expired; \$75 fines/costs.

### Hon. John G. Hunter

James Allen Martz Jr., age 22 of Warren - Operate without security and license plates expired; \$385 fines/costs or 38 days in jail.

Julie Ann Ryther, age 42 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$660 fines/costs or 66 days in jail.

Julie Ann Ryther, age 42 of Grayling - Careless driving; \$135 fines/costs.

Robert Lewis Harris, age 30 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail, 50 days in jail with credit for 50 days served.

Terry Kay Reno, age 44 of Harrison - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$710 fines/costs or 71 days in jail, placed on 31 days probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,599 fines/costs or 160 days in jail, 45 days in jail, placed on 545 days probation.

Brian Ray Owen, age 43 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,149 fines/costs or 115 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Michael Brandon Trosper, age 17 of Johannesburg - Assault/assault and battery; 93 days in jail, with credit for 27 days served.

Raymond Vern MacLeod Jr., age 18 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$359 fines/costs and \$420.26 restitution or 140 days in jail, 90 days

in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Raymond Vern MacLeod Jr., age 18 of Grayling - Malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; \$1,029 fines/costs or 140 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Brooke Obrion Hawkins, age 32 of Sullivan Island - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Brian Keith Rathbun, age 31 of Frederic - Impaired driving; \$430 fines/costs.

Timothy Lee Gabriel, age 47 of Frederic - Impaired driving; \$420 fines/costs or 42 days in jail.

Jefferey Alan Scott, age 20 of Gaylord - Minor in possession/transport in motor vehicle and impaired driving; \$999 fines/costs or 93 days in jail.

Maurice Spencer Tuck, age 75 of Frederic - Improper lane use; \$80 fines/costs.

Daniel Michael Wormsbacher, age 25 of Grayling - Controlled substance - sell prescription drugs; \$560 fines/costs or 60 days in jail.

Laurel Elaine Jenson, age 45 of Grayling - Operate without security; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail.

Adam Paul Barclay, age 18 of Grayling - Breaking and entering illegal without owner's permission; \$210 fines/costs.

Richard Howard Wilburn, age 21, no residency - Breaking and entering illegal without owner's permission; 30 days in jail.

Victor Alan Novakowski, age 41 of Bristow - Drove while license suspended/revoked; \$160 fines/costs.

Frank Paul Gambino, age 51 of Eastpointe - Recreational trespass violation; \$260 fines/costs and \$1,000 restitution.

Ronnie G. Dauzat, age 28 of Brimley - Non-sufficient fund check over \$100 - less than \$500; \$260 fines/costs and \$63.59 restitution or 32 days in jail.

Ronnie G. Dauzat, age 28 of Brimley - Non-sufficient fund check over \$100 - less than \$500; \$260 fines/costs and \$137.99 restitution or 39 days in jail.

### Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney

Lawrence Daniel Kneff II, age 25 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Christopher Scott Malone, age 18 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate and failed to change address; \$235 fines/costs or 23 days in jail.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 23 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Janise Lee Dedafae, age 21 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Charles Nicholas Stewart Jr., age 23 of Warren - Snowmobile operator - suspended/revoked/denied and failure to apply for new snowmobile registration; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

### Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Joshua Michael Meatte, age 23 of Roseville - Illegal taking of a deer/bear/turkey; \$420 fines/costs, and \$500 restitution or 90 days in jail, five days in jail with credit for one day served.

## Buying a car even with bad credit

For people with a history of credit mistakes, buying a car can be a time-consuming and stressful event, but it doesn't have to be. "The fact of the matter is car dealers want to sell your car just as much as you want to buy one," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org. The key is to know your current financial situation and be willing to negotiate with lenders.

"When you're shopping around for a new car make sure to have all your financial documentation with you," Rhode said. "Bring copies of your current pay stubs, checking and savings account information and any other important personal paperwork. By showing that you're on top of your current financial situation, creditors will tend to overlook some of your past mistakes."

When borrowing money to purchase a new car, use the dealer's financing or a bank or credit

union loan. Each one has advantages and disadvantages.

"Typically if you finance your car through a dealer you can end up with a lower interest rate," Rhode said. "But you need to watch out for hidden fees, having to make a larger down payment or being charged more on the overall price of the car. With a bank loan the interest rate may be a little higher, but the fees most likely will be considerably less. In either situation, make sure you read the fine print."

For people who are heading to browse car lots this year, Myvesta.org has released a free publication called *How To Buy A Car With Marks On Your Credit And Not Get Taken For A Ride*. You'll find tips on getting the best loans, what characteristics lenders look for and explanations of the options to finance your new car.

Download it for free from Myvesta.org or send \$5 (to cover

shipping and handling) to Buying a Car, Myvesta.org, P.O. Box 9409, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-9409.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 46 complaints during the week of December 29 - January 4:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, five larceny, two civil, one juvenile, one alarm call, five disorderly persons, one suspicious situation, two drunk driving, three assist other departments, two city ordinance, 17 unclassified, and four traffic warnings given.



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Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ Adult Learning Center

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NOTE: Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

## Winter 2003 Schedules

### ADULT LEARNING CENTER

ABE/GED	M - T	8 - 11:30 am	Barrow
	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow
ABE/GED	W - R	8 - 11:30 am	Brunette
	W - R	12 - 3:30 pm	Brunette
ABE/GED	W - R	6 - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski

### CRAWFORD COUNTY JAIL

GED/ABE	M - T	8 am - 12 pm	Brunette
	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette
GED/ABE	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
ALT. ED.	M - T	8 am - 12 pm	Brunette
	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette
ALT. ED.	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
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Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107

Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Hornrich

Kids have a blast learning a wide range of self defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu.

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Hornrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that the size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003

Length of Class: 2 weeks

Day of Class: Monday

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 6 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

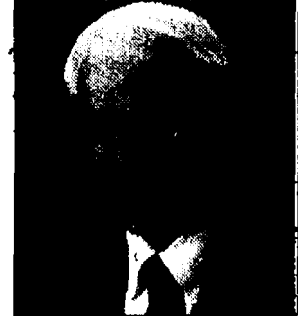
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab


Cost: \$50.00

Instructor: John Lasby

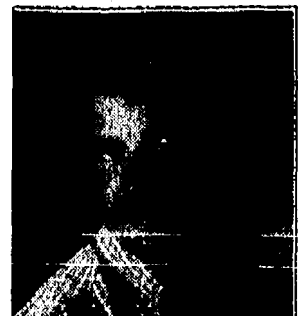
Did you just receive a digital camera as a gift? This course will help you understand the concepts of digital cameras. You will learn how to edit, scan, manipulate and print photos.



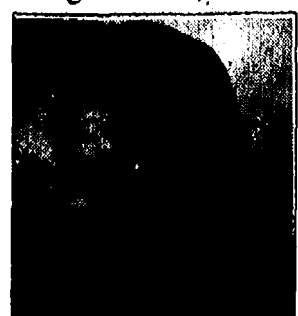
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# Plan includes repaving of McMasters Bridge Road

► McMasters project set for 2003 in board's five-year plan

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

McMasters Bridge Road, which runs from North Down River Road south to M-72 East in eastern Crawford County, is slated for a complete resurfacing later this year, according to the Crawford County Road Commission.

The McMasters Bridge Road project for 2003 is listed in a five-year plan the Road Commission Board approved last Thursday as part of the requirements for using state and federal money distributed at the upcoming Regional Task Force (#9) meeting.

The Task Force meeting includes several northern Michigan counties. In addition to road commissions, cities and transportation authorities are also eligible to receive money from the Task Force pool. Road commissions, cities, and transportation authorities from each county

are required to work together on prioritizing projects, conducting a public hearing, and bringing the results to the Task Force for funding approval.

(Not all roadways in the county are eligible for funds through this process.)

Crawford County held its public hearing at the Road Commission office last Thursday. With the support of the City of Grayling and Transportation Authority, the Road Commission Board approved the five-year plan for Crawford County's share of Task Force funds.

Since the formula that governs the Task Force funding system — the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21) — is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock recommended going after a project that would result in a balance of zero or close to it with regard to Task Force funds in 2003. It is unknown what legislation will replace TEA-21.

The Road Commission Board approved the recommendations 3-0 last week. For 2003, the Road Commission plans to have

McMasters Bridge Road crushed and repaved, and the Transportation Authority should receive \$15,000 for "tools and/or equipment." The city, according to Road Commission officials, does not have a roadway eligible for Task Force monies.

McMasters Bridge Road (from the bridge to North Down River Road) rated highest on the Road Commission's most recent Primary Road System Condition Rating, meaning it is in most need of repairs out of all the county's sections of "primary road," according to the Road Commission's rating criteria.

McMasters Bridge Road (from the bridge to M-72 East) rated 6th, behind sections of Chase Bridge Road, Military Road, Manistee River Road, and North Down River Road (Stephan Bridge Road to Wakeley Bridge Road). The Road Commission opted to have both sections of McMasters reconstructed in one sizeable project, increasing efficiency and saving money.

North Down River Road (Wakeley to Stephan), Chase Bridge Road, and North Down River Road (Wilcox Bridge Road

## Road Board elects new officers

The Crawford County Road Commission's Board of Commissioners selected a new chairman at its first meeting of 2003 last Thursday. The Board elected Ken Riehle chairman and John Hartman vice-chair with votes of 3-0.

The previous chairman, Tom Perry, did not seek reelection last year. His term ended at the conclusion of 2002. (He was originally appointed to the Road Commission Board by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners prior to the road board positions being put back on the ballot.)

Jim Burch, the Road Commission Board's third member, was elected in November to fill Perry's seat.

to Stephan Bridge Road) are scheduled for reconstruction in 2005, 2006, and 2007, respectively. No project was listed for 2004.

Projects included in the five-year plan for the Task Force are subject to change, and only include those roadways that are eligible for funding through that system.

## GMS food drive yields 2,300+ items

During the month of November, Grayling Middle School students and staff were involved in a food drive to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Over 2,300 food items were collected, with a retail value of over \$1,900.

Miss Matelski's homeroom students collected the greatest percentage of food items per student in a homeroom class. Following the food drive, which ran from November 18-22, 2002 ten students delivered and sorted the food items to the Help Center.

GMS counselor Joni Metiva said, "We are very proud of all the students and staff that have given during this time of year. What a wonderful support we have shown for our community."

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By: Sherry Haag of Mercy Amicare

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*From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche*

## 2002: Year In Review

**Happy New Year!** With 2002 in the books, the Crawford County Avalanche presents Part 2 of its "2002: Year In Review," featuring selected news, sports, and feature story summaries from 2002 Avalanche editions – July through December. (Part 1 of 2002: Year In Review – featuring January through June – was published in last week's Avalanche.)

**Note:** Year In Review story summaries are listed according to the month the news story was featured in the Avalanche, which is not necessarily the month in which the events occurred. The date of the Avalanche edition in which the story appeared is included (in parentheses) at the end of each story synopsis.

### JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY

- Four Ohio Army National Guard members were injured, one critically, in a single-car rollover accident on Hartwick Pines Road near I-75. (July 4)
- The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association conducted a lake-mapping project on Lake Margrethe in an effort to determine the extent of Eurasian Watermilfoil presence. (July 4)
- Following nearly two years of delays, a jury verdict of guilty and a mistrial, then a plea of no contest in a new trial, Michael Tironi was sentenced July 9 on one count of 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court. (July 11)
- A former Grayling Middle School teacher was absent from the courtroom Monday for her arraignment

- in 46th Circuit Trial Court after her legal counsel filed a motion to waive her rights to an arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty on her behalf. (July 11)
- The Grayling Rotary Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. (July 11)
- Former Grayling Middle School teacher Kathryn Olson said she felt the article in the *Avalanche* last week was misleading and asked the record be set straight. (July 18)
- At the recommendation of its Building Committee, the Grayling City Council is now considering the purchase of nine acres of military property on North Down River Road to be used for a new city hall and possibly a new fire station and park. (July 18)
- After meeting with approximately 25 concerned Frederic parents and grand-



Eurasian Watermilfoil project on Lake Margrethe (July 4 edition)

parents regarding the possible relocation of Frederic fourth and fifth grade students to Grayling, Superintendent Milli Haug said she would

inform them of her decision within a few days. (July 18)

- An alert citizen is responsible for bringing an end to a crime spree that law enforce-

ment officials believe may have started as far back as April and touched neighborhoods in Grayling Township and within the city limits. (July

25)

- A nine-year old Grayling boy was injured July 15 when a driver entered a downtown intersection as the traffic light turned red. (July 25)
- Bill Torongo crossed the finish line first in the 2002 'Spike's Challenge C-1 canoe race. Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin were the winners in the C-2 canoe race. (July 25)
- The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association is following up its recent plant life survey of Lake Margrethe with another lake-mapping project in an effort to get a closer estimate of volume and location of Eurasian Watermilfoil within the lake. (July 25)
- Ten-year old Austin Weiler and 15-year old Anthony Neal designed the Marathon program cover and T-shirts. (July 25)

### AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST

- Six time defending champs Jeff Kolka, 43, of Grayling and Serge Corbin, 45, of Quebec paddled their way to an unprecedented seventh consecutive win at North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race: the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. (Aug. 1)
- Three townships in the county have dropped out of the S.T.I.N.G. program citing tight budgets and little drug related activity. (Aug. 1)
- The list of charges against a pair of teen thieves keeps growing as law enforcement continues to investigate a string of recent vehicle larcenies. Felony charges have now been added. (Aug. 1)

- Grayling City Police are continuing to investigate an incident that occurred last week in the City Park that left one 14-year-old girl highly intoxicated, requiring hospitalization. (Aug. 1)
- Nathan Thompson and Keil Clough, paddling in the 15 to 17-year old boys division, set a new record for the youth canoe race. (Aug. 1)
- The Grayling City Council voted 4-0 last Monday in favor of having a new city hall (and fire station) built on a nine-acre piece of property on North Down River Road (west of M-93/Old 27) that the city intends to purchase from the Michigan Department of

Military Affairs. (Aug. 8)

- Grayling Department of Public Works employee Bob Arndt spent many hours helping city crews clean up downed trees following severe thunderstorms late Tuesday night. (Aug. 8)
- Over 130 runners finished the 2002 GRA 10K run, with Nathan Dorn finishing first. (Aug. 8)
- The second annual Black Bear bicycle race featuring a 100-mile course from Grayling to Oscoda had approximately 100 cyclists racing the canoes to the finish. (Aug. 8)
- Following nearly two years of investigation, Michigan Attorney General

Jennifer Granholm has filed a complaint against a local doctor for allegedly violating a number of sections of the Public Health Code. (Aug. 15)

- The City of Grayling and Waste Management Inc. recently finalized a new five-year contract for curb-side trash pick-up within the city. (Aug. 15)
- A longtime dispute over a property access point ended, at least temporarily, with the arrest of a Frederic man after he allegedly threatened to shoot his neighbor. (Aug. 15)
- Less than two days after posting bond on numerous charges related to a string of larcenies and other crimes in

recent months, 17-year-old Casey Darling was arrested again last Thursday morning on at least three more criminal charges. (Aug. 22)

- Several volunteers and businesses came together last week to help install new playground equipment in the Grayling City Park. (Aug. 22)
- At last Monday's regular council meeting, the City of Grayling's governing body made a few changes to its water policies – most notably switching to a "shut-off" policy for those with delinquent water bills – and discussed a probable rate increase for city water users. (Aug. 22)
- Grayling High School will be leaving the North East

Michigan Conference after the 2002-03 season. Grayling has been accepted into the Lake Michigan Conference, and the Vikings will begin play in their new league starting with the fall 2003 sports season. (Aug. 22)

- Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 24-year old Owosso man on Sunday, after being tipped off about some possible stolen property. (Aug. 29)
- The Beaver Creek Fire Department is celebrating 20 years of service to the community and the honor of working with Michigan's Fire Chief of the Year, Ed Holtcamp. (Aug. 29)

### SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER

- An unidentified local man was arrested for the early morning armed robbery of a local gas station. (Sep. 5)
- Approximately 75 people attended a workshop designed to help all kids succeed. (Sep. 5)
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has been battling with cutting \$1 million from the county proposed budget, but still needs to go deeper to the tune of about \$150,000 more. (Sep. 12)
- The U.S. District Court found no evidence to support ordinary or gross negligence on the part of Crawford County, the Crawford County Sheriff Department, former

Sheriff David Lovely, and County Corrections officer Michael Kelly in the suicide more than two years ago of John Schreiber. (Sep. 12)

- Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss has charged a 35-year old Grayling man for the September 3 early morning armed robbery of a local gas station. (Sep. 12)
- Jeff Kolka of Grayling and Serge Corbin of Quebec split the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing title this year. The duo placed first at the first two legs of the Triple Crown – the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon – and third

at Quebec's La Classique de Canots de la St. Maurice. Kolka and Corbin have now won the Triple Crown competition three years in a row. (Sep. 12)

- Over 20 concerned citizens attended the September Frederic Township Board meeting to discuss the support the Board had given for designation of natural river for the Upper Manistee River. After listening to the presentations from members of the audience the Board reversed its position and now opposes the natural river designation. (Sep. 19)
- GMS students and staff held a cookout on September 11 to honor the various police,

fire, emergency responders and members of the military who help keep them safe. (Sep. 19)

- About 200 people met at Gates AuSable Lodge on September 7 to participate in the eighth annual cleanup of the river. (Sep. 19)
- On Saturday, September 21, a mowed and groomed playing field complete with obstacles will be available at Hanson Hills Recreation Area for use by paint ball players. (Sep. 19)
- Since the August meeting of the Commission on Aging (COA) the commission members have been questioning how the building fund started

and for what purpose the money can be used. At the request of the COA, Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley attended the September COA meeting to discuss the building fund. (Sep. 26)

- Following the passage of two resolutions, one each by the Grayling Township and Frederic Township Boards, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted last week to add its voice in opposition to the proposed natural river designation for the Upper Manistee River system by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. (Sep. 26)
- Bob and Shelley Brinker, of Grayling, swept the compe-

tion at the St. Ignace truck show, by winning all the first place trophies and Best of Show. (Sep. 26)

- The Animal Shelter of Crawford County held its annual meeting September 21, and had something big to celebrate: a donation of over \$63,000. (Sep. 26)
- County budget cuts threaten the services and programs offered through MSU-Extension and 4-H programs. (Sep. 26)

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## 2002: Year In Review – October

- In an effort to save money and streamline services, yet remain accommodating to the needs of the taxpayers, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to reduce county office hours. (Oct. 3).

- More than 120 people attended the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and \$20,000 Challenge Raffle drawing on September 28. The dinner was the first collaboration of fund-raising efforts with the Crawford County United Way, helping kick off that organization's annual fund-raising campaign. (Oct. 3)

- Crawford County Sheriff deputies were called to the Millikin Lane area of Beaver Creek Township early Sunday evening after receiving a report about a 43-year old man threatening his neighbor with a large handgun. (Oct. 3)

- Following a public hearing on September 30, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved the county's 2003 \$4,645,832 fiscal year budget, with a few amendments. (Oct. 3)

- With one of its members resigning, the Grayling City Council is currently accepting applications from persons who wish to fill the vacancy. Council member Kathy Awiszus is resigning from the board this month. (Oct. 10)

- The Grayling City Council approved a proposal by the city's Parks Committee last week that will result in the installation of lights in the city park this year. (Oct. 10)

- About 20 people braved the howling winds and rain last Sunday afternoon to have

their beloved pets receive a special blessing at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling. (Oct. 10)

- A 43-year old Beaver Creek Township man was arraigned Monday on one charge of assault with a dangerous weapon stemming from an argument with neighbors on September 29. Robert D. Kostopolus was arraigned before Attorney Magistrate Julie F. Delaney in Crawford County's 83rd District Court on October 7. (Oct. 10)

- One of the quilts currently on display at the Icehouse's Quilt for a Cure show was taken to Washington D. C. recently as part of the first Relay for Life Celebration on the Hill. (Oct. 10)

- The City of Grayling moved forward with its plans for a new city hall last week with a ground-breaking ceremony and the city council's approval of a few changes to the building specifications. (Oct. 10)

- Grayling High School's varsity football team won its Homecoming game last Friday with a 28-6 victory over the visiting Tigers of Hillman. (Oct. 10)

- For the cost of only \$20 per month, Crawford County now has a web site which the Board of Commissioners hopes will save taxpayers hundreds of dollars in the future. (Oct. 17)

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently appointed two citizens to local boards and assigned a different commissioner to another. The boards involved were the Crawford County Library Board, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Commission on Aging. (Oct. 17)

- Almost 90 dogs competed in the Backwoods



Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 10 edition)

Houndsman Association's first ever competition at Hanson Hills. The event, which included several different contests, was sanctioned by the United Kennel Club. (Oct. 17)

- Field Operations Assistant for northern Michigan's Experience Works program, Sandy Farrugia, is anxious to help local non-profit and governmental agencies make the small annual investment of \$250 in exchange for taking on board a "seasoned" worker – a value of about \$10,000 annually. (Oct. 24)

- District Health Department #10 Health Officer B. Michael Skoog announced today that a bird in Crawford County has tested positive for the West Nile virus. (Oct. 24)

- Races for seats on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners see competition in only two of seven districts this election year – Districts 3 and 5. (Oct. 24)

- Over 140 eager runners – ready to challenge the hills and valleys of Hartwick Pines State Park – started the 2002

Hartwick Pines Challenge 7.2 mile foot race. (Oct. 24).

- A man suspected of committing a string of recent break-ins and stealing at least one vehicle is in jail awaiting arraignment on at least one felonious assault charge stemming from a standoff with Sheriff's personnel on Sunday afternoon. (Oct. 31)

- The Grayling City Council approved \$25,000 from the city's income tax fund for the purchase of a piece of land – much of it parking area – located along Burton Court in downtown Grayling. (Oct. 31)

- Two incidents of turfing of the Hanson Hills soccer field have been reported recently to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The incidents are believed to have occurred late at night or early morning, October 7/8 and October 19/20. (Oct. 31)

- The Grayling High School varsity soccer team defeated East Jordan 5-4 in overtime last Monday to advance into the District Tournament semi-final round. (Oct. 31)

## 2002: Year In Review – November

- The Grayling Promotional Association recently named its 2002 GPA Member of the Year – Sherry Hanson. (Nov. 7)

- The Camp Grayling Conservation Club has been busy in recent days erecting a new buck pole for use by those who hunt in the county. (Nov. 7)

- Six members of Engine Co. 214 Ladder 111 from New York City visited Grayling to say thanks and relate their experiences on September 11, 2001. (Nov. 7)

- Grayling City Police recently arrested a local man for allegedly providing alcohol to a group of teens hanging out in the city park last summer. One teen almost lost her life in the incident. (Nov. 7)

- The Grayling Equestrian Team recently finished its inaugural season of Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association District XIII competition. (Nov. 7)

- Ed Parks received a special Honorable Mention Walter H. Kaiser Memorial Award from the Michigan Library Association at their annual conference. (Nov. 14)

- Another section of paved trail for non-motorized traffic is scheduled for installation in Grayling next year – this time along M-72 West. (Nov. 14)

- The suspect in a string of unsolved local breaking and enterings and a motor vehicle theft has been arraigned recently on four felony charges, as a result of a day-

long stand off with law enforcement on October 27 at his father's Lovells Township cabin. (Nov. 14)

- In the heart of what many consider the "Mecca" of mid-west fly fishing country, between the famous AuSable and Manistee Rivers, the birthplace of Trout Unlimited, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library has established a special collection of trout fly fishing literature. (Nov. 14)

- Local bowhunter Pete Kocenas was the first person to display a deer on the new buck pole at Skip's Sports Shop. (Nov. 14)

- Hardbodyz Sports Club, a local fitness facility, recently placed third overall in an international competition involving distance logged on rowing machines. (Nov. 14)

- A Lovells Township man was recognized recently for his assistance in the apprehension of a wanted felon. (Nov. 21)

- With a unanimous vote last week, the Grayling City Council approved an increase in the city's contribution to Grayling's Fourth of July fireworks fund at the request of the organizer of the fireworks – the Grayling Youth Booster Club. (Nov. 21)

- The Grayling City Council – one member short due to a recent resignation – filled its empty slot by making an appointment last Tuesday. Dennis Palmer, one of five applicants, was approved by the council with a 3-1 vote.

(Nov. 21)

- The Grayling Promotional Association and its members have made it their mission for years to make a difference in their town and with its citizens and visitors. On a recent chilly Saturday, members reached out to the residents of a Frederic extended care facility, brightening their day ... and days to come. (Nov. 21)

- This year's Orange Coat Round Up competition at the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop boasted normal turn-out overall, including a full buck pole, on opening day of hunting season. (Nov. 21)

- The 46th Circuit Trial Court has filed a lawsuit against Crawford County, hoping to settle a funding dispute that has dragged on for over two years regarding court financing and retirement benefits for court employees. (Nov. 28)

- One oil worker was seriously injured last Wednesday night, around 5 p.m., when the tanker truck he was working with caught fire, along with a nearby oil silo in Waters. (Nov. 28)

- Increasing incidents of under-age drinking have caused local law enforcement officials to get tough, stating there will be no more "breaks." (Nov. 28)

- Riders who use local snowmobile trails can breathe a sigh of relief, as grant funding has been received for this winter season's Crawford County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol. (Nov. 28)

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## 2002: Year In Review – December

• During a three-day period last week, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies issued 78 tickets to drivers found in violation of the state's safety belt law. (Dec. 5)

• Two downstate teens escaped serious injuries late Sunday night, December 1, when their car left the roadway on northbound I-75 and crashed into a tree, splitting the car in half and leaving the pieces 50 feet apart on the snowy roadside. (Dec. 5)

• Ten fugitives from the law are now being featured as Crawford County's Ten Most Wanted on the Sheriff's Office web site. One case dates back to more than ten years ago. (Dec. 5)

• Three teenagers were arrested for a crime spree involving vending machines in at least five counties. (Dec. 5)

• The 745th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Michigan Army National Guard of Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom. (Dec. 5)

• Gerrish Township Police, in Roscommon County, are continuing their investigation into an apparent hunting accident that took the life of a local man. (Dec. 5)

• Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, Captain Scott Feldhauser, and Sergeant Randy Baerlocher were honored recently by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for actions they took in the resolution of the October 27 stand-off in Lovells



Frederic Eagles honored at GHS (Dec. 26 edition)

Township. (Dec. 5)

• The Grayling High School Athletic Department continues to work on a project that will honor Grayling's all-state athletes through construction of a new record board. (Dec. 5)

• A 47-year old Maple Forest Township woman, acting in good faith, allowed an acquaintance to use her telephone and bathroom, only to have him allegedly turn a gun on her, sexually assault her, rob her, and steal her pickup truck. But he didn't get away. (Dec. 12)

• Employees and customers of a local supermarket prevented a local woman from being robbed of her purse and wallet when they corralled a purse snatcher in the store's parking lot last Wednesday evening. (Dec. 12)

• The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) of Grayling is spearheading a new sign project involving installation of special trail location markers that should make it much easier for emergency responders to find accident victims in the event of a snowmobile mishap. (Dec.

12)

• The jury trial of a former Grayling Middle School teacher who confessed to placing a bomb threat to the school on March 11, has been adjourned. No new trial dates have been scheduled. (Dec. 12)

• Three Grayling High School boys soccer players - Eric Hunter, John Handy, and Brandon Pratt earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 fall season. (Dec. 12)

• Less than two weeks after launching its Ten Most Wanted list at web site [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org), the Crawford County Sheriff's Office announced one fugitive has been located. (Dec. 19)

• The man accused of providing alcohol to a group of young teens last summer has pled guilty to the charge, avoiding a jury trial originally scheduled for next March. (Dec. 19)

• Acting on the advice of city auditors and a recommendation by the city manager, the Grayling City Council voted 4-

1 last week to increase city water and sewer rates by about five percent. (Dec. 19)

• For years, in Crawford County, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or abuse, and other crimes have had to face the stares of the accused and their supporters when testifying in a criminal case. A new tool being used by the Victim Rights Advocate's office may lessen the discomfort of taking the stand. (Dec. 19)

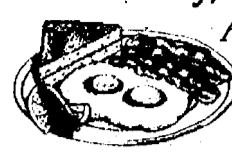
• Tracy Parkinson and Kim Mitchell received all-league recognition in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 girls basketball season. (Dec. 19)

• Among the 743 fire departments in the U.S. chosen for special funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awards was the Beaver Creek Fire Department, which will receive \$69,276. (Dec. 26)

• Former Frederic High School Eagles basketball players and cheerleaders were honored at center court during halftime of last Friday's varsity basketball game in Grayling. (Dec. 26)

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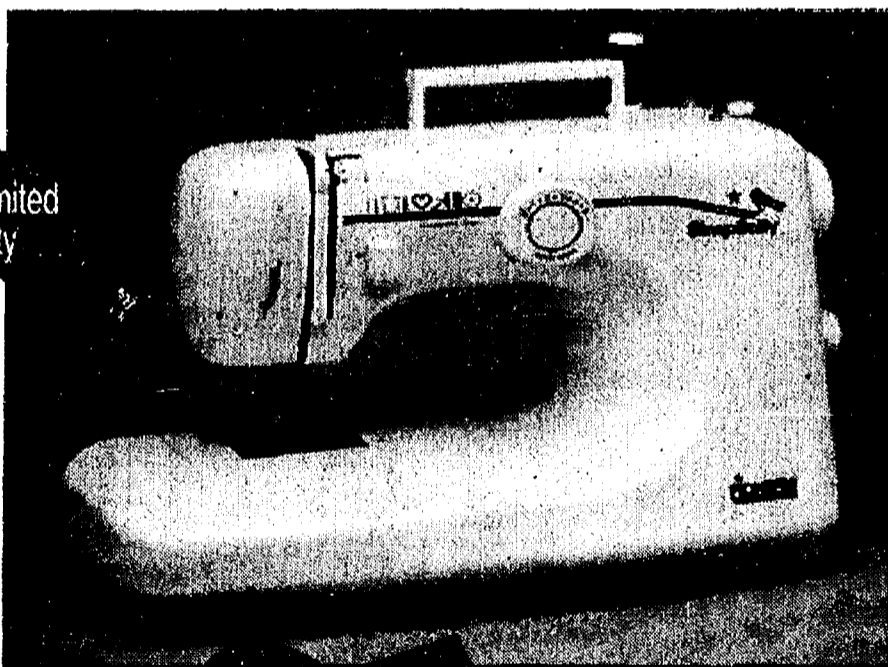
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Vikings win in dramatic finish

► Varsity team moves to 3-0 in league race with 57-56 victory

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School capped a basketball tripleheader with a thrilling 57-

56 victory by the varsity squad vs. Bay City John Glenn at GHS on Friday, January 3. Grayling's freshman and JV teams also defeated their Bay City counterparts in the series sweep for Grayling on Friday night.

The varsity squad - in its first game back on the court after the holiday break - overcame early foul trouble, a strong third quarter surge by Bay City, and a two-

point deficit late in the game to win the match. The victory improved Grayling's conference record to 3-0.

The Vikings got off to a strong start. With two-point baskets by Roy Czapke and Adam Kaiser and a triple by Andy Strohpaul, GHS led 7-3 early in the first quarter. An 8-0 run by Grayling put the Vikings up 15-6. The run included four baskets by Kaiser. With two jumpers by Gibson Tobin, the Vikings had a 19-12 edge at the end of the first period.

The Vikings also led the personal fouls total 11-1 by the end of the first eight minutes. Grayling had seven team fouls in less than three minutes into the contest.

GHS built on its lead with a 19-15 second quarter. The Vikings scored their 19 on a fast break lay-up by Tobin, triples by Strohpaul, Kaiser, and Tobin, a jumper by Tobin, and free throws by Czapke, Tobin, and Joe Zelek.

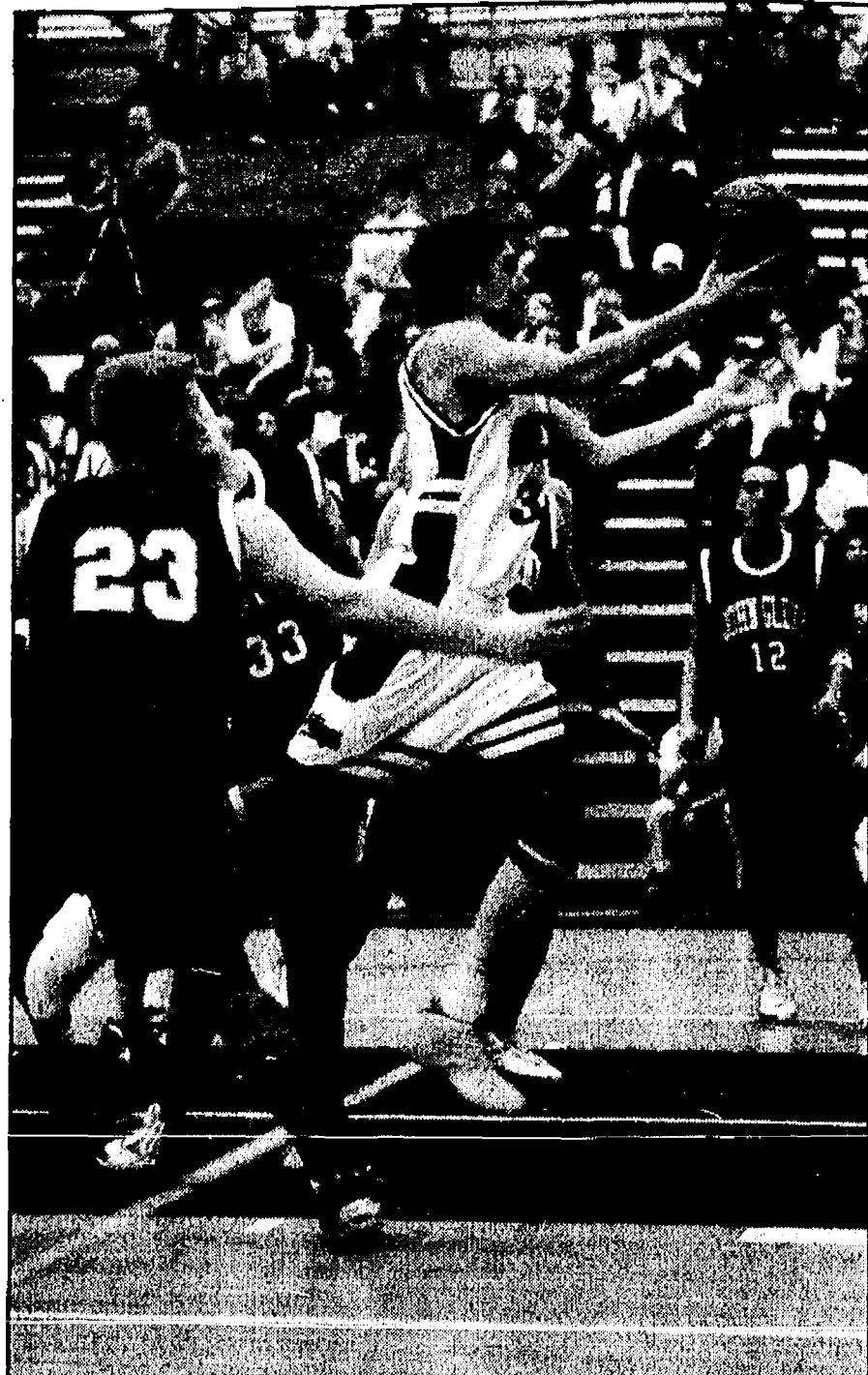
The Vikings had a 38-27 advantage at halftime.

Grayling did not have a good third quarter. John Glenn outscored the Vikings 16-4 in the period. Bay City took a one-point lead, 43-42, into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats scored first in the fourth. Two jump shots by Tobin gave Grayling a 46-45 lead. A 6-0 run by Bay City left Grayling trailing 51-46.

A put-back by Czapke and two free throws by Kaiser pulled Grayling within one, 51-50. A shot inside by Bay City and a put-back by Czapke left the Bobcats up by one.

A foul by Bay City put Kaiser at the line for a one and one free throw chance with 1:08 remaining in regulation. He hit the first and the second shot, giving Grayling a one-point edge. A free throw by the Bobcats tied the game at 54-54 with 51 seconds



Photos by Caleb Casey

Adam Kaiser drives the ball inside in the game against Bay City John Glenn last Friday.

left in the game.

Grayling missed a shot attempt at the other end and Bay City came away with the loose ball. The Bobcats moved the ball around and drove in for a shot, drawing a foul with 11 seconds left on the clock. Bay City hit both free throws to lead 56-54.

Grayling got the ball in and across half-court, then called a quick time-out. The game clock was down to six seconds.

The Vikings got the ball in to Tobin, who shot a three-pointer from the corner with three defenders in front of him. The shot went in, giving Grayling a one-point lead.

Bay City rushed the ball inbounds and got off a half-court shot. It went in. The officials conferred, and ruled that the shot did not beat the buzzer. Grayling won 57-56.

"I was pleased that we got out of the gates so well in the first half. Our intensity and defensive pressure was very good," said Coach Rich Moffit. "In the third quarter, we did not play with any sense of urgency and found ourselves in a hole going into the fourth. We hit some pressure shots from the field and free throw line. Our kids played with poise down the stretch."

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling in the match with 23 points. He also led the squad in assists with seven. Kaiser had 15 points and Czapke finished with 10.

On defense, Tobin had 12 deflections and Kaiser finished with 11.

The Vikings - now 3-1 overall and 3-0 in league play - will play at Pinconning on Friday, January 10.

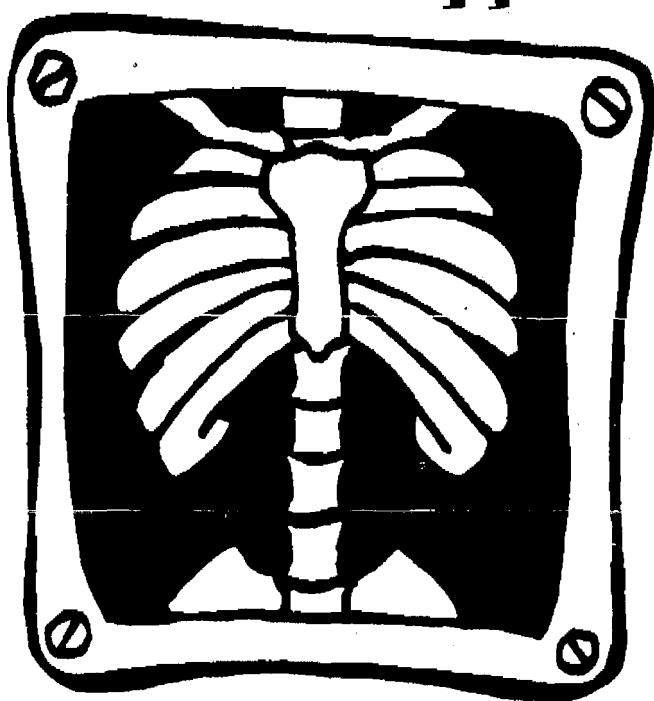


Greg Morrill goes up for a shot inside the paint in last week's victory over Bay City.

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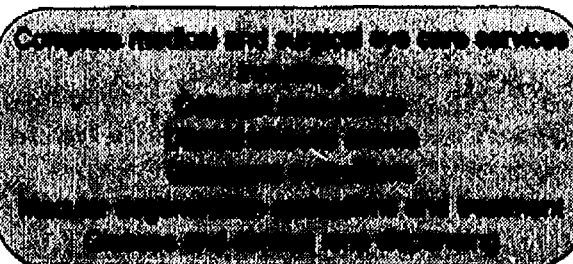
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# JV team wins by 7 vs. Bobcats

► Vikings move to 4-0 with 50-43 victory over Bay City John Glenn

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 4-0 with a 50-43 victory over the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn in Grayling last Friday.

Grayling edged Bay City 16-14 in the first eight minutes of play. The Vikings scored points on a shot inside by Ryan Davis, a jumper and a fast break lay-up by Josh Hinkle, a lay-up by Tyler Cragg, and free throws by Hinkle and Davis.

Bay City scored 11 to Grayling's 9 in the second quarter to leave the game tied at half-time, 25-25. Grayling scored its nine on a triple by D.J. Metzger, shots inside by Bobby Starks and Jess Bobenmoyer, and a drive by Starks.

Grayling scored first in the second half with a jumper by Starks and a fast break lay-up by Hinkle following a steal. The Bobcats then scored nine unanswered points to take a 34-29 lead.

The Vikings rallied for a 7-0 to end the third quarter. The run included two drives by Hinkle, a free throw by Bobenmoyer, and a lay-up by Davis.

Grayling took a 36-34 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings carried over their late third quarter momentum into the fourth. Grayling opened the period with a 9-0 run, which included a jumper by Hinkle, a free throw by Bobenmoyer, a lay-up by Hinkle, a shot inside by Davis, and a put-back by Hinkle.

Two shots inside and a triple by Bay City pulled the Bobcats within four, 45-41, with 4:00 left in the game.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Bobby Starks goes up for a shot underneath the basket in the game against Bay City John Glenn last week.**

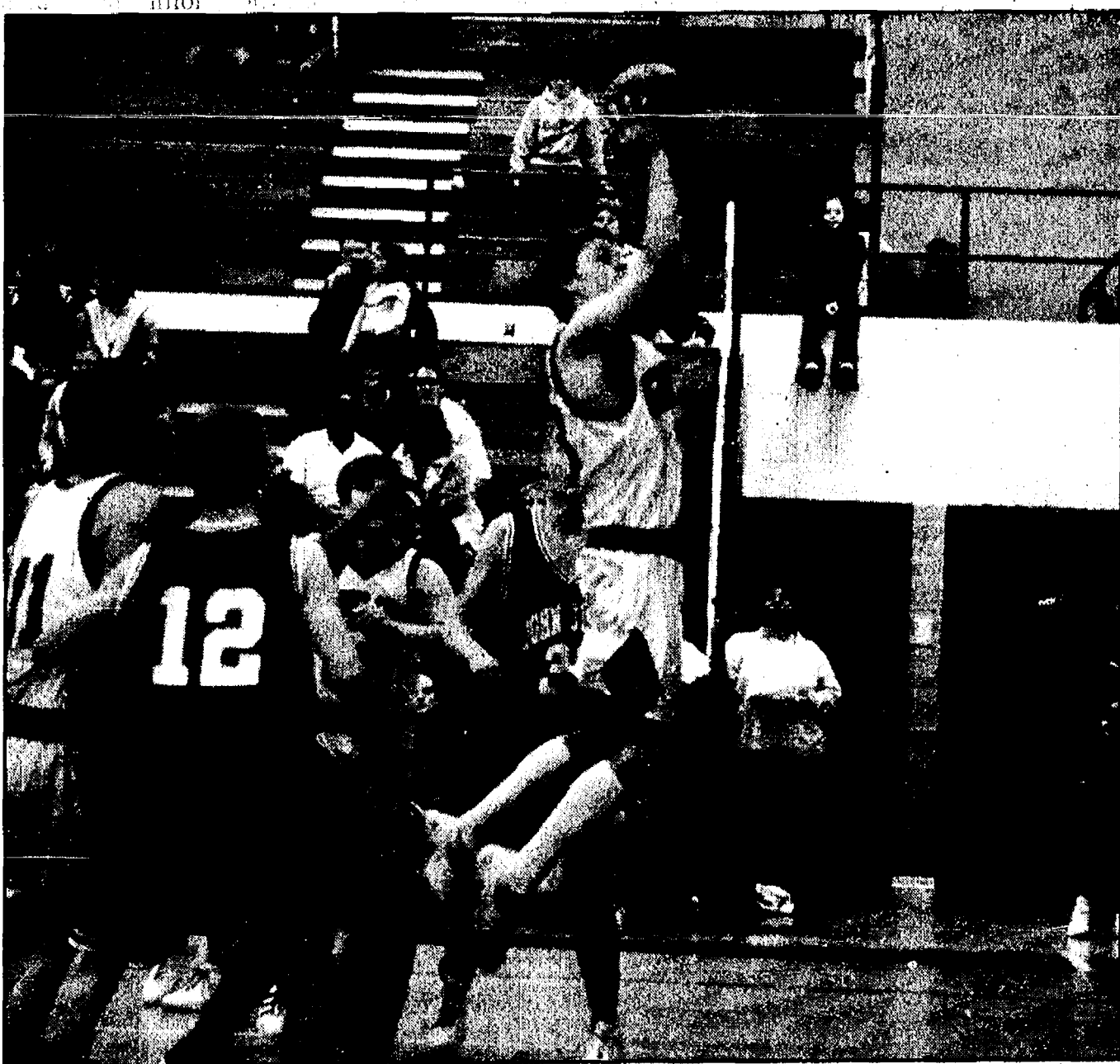
A free throw by Josh Millikin extended Grayling's lead to five. A pair of free throws by Bay City cut Grayling's advantage to three with 2:11 remaining. A shot inside by Starks gave GHS a 48-43 lead with 1:30 left in the contest.

Down by at least two scores, Bay City stalled. Davis stole the ball, and the Vikings killed some time off the clock by passing the

ball around. Bay City fouled with three seconds remaining in regulation. Starks hit both free throws, resulting in a final score of Grayling 50, Bay City 43.

Hinkle was Grayling's leading scorer in the match with 21 points. Starks had 10, and Davis added 9.

The Vikings play at Pinconning on Friday, January 10.



Ryan Davis drives in for a lay-up vs. Bay City on Friday night.

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2. Pittsburgh
3. Atlanta
4. San Francisco
5. Ohio St.
6. N.Y. Jets
7. Pittsburgh
8. Atlanta

9. San Francisco (77)
10. Ohio St.
11. NY Jets
12. Pittsburgh
13. Atlanta
14. San Francisco
15. N.Y. Jets
16. Ohio St. (55)

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# 9th graders move to 3-0

► Freshman team rallies to defeat Bay City John Glenn 54-49

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team overcame an eight-point Bay City lead on Friday night at GHS with a 21-8 fourth quarter. The Vikings won the match 54-49, improving the team's overall record to 3-0 so far this year.

Grayling edged the Bobcats 16-15 in the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 16 points on a three-point play by Eli VanNuck, a three-point play by Reagan Schmidt, a put-back by Schmidt, two shots inside by VanNuck, a triple by Schmidt, and a free throw by Zac Baker.

The Bobcats outscored Grayling 10-9 in the second period to leave the game tied at half-time, 25-25. The Vikings scored on jumpers by Schmidt and VanNuck, a free throw by VanNuck, and jump shots by J.C. Schneider and VanNuck.

Bay City scored 16 third quarter points to Grayling's eight to take a 41-33 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Grayling's eight third period points were the result of a fast break lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser, a shot inside by Zach Dean, a put-back by Dean, and two free throws by VanNuck.

The Vikings rallied in the fourth quarter. Grayling opened the period with an eight-point

unanswered streak to tie the game at 41-41 with 5:19 left in the game. The run included a jumper by Baker, a triple by Schmidt, a shot inside by VanNuck, and a free throw by Schneider.

A jumper by Bay City put the Bobcats up by two. A shot inside by Schmidt tied the game at 43-43. Two free throws by VanNuck gave Grayling the lead.

BCJG scored the next two baskets to take a two-point advantage. A jump shot by Schmidt tied the score (47-47) with 2:10 remaining.

Feldhauser stole the ball and drove in for a lay-up. A steal by Schmidt got Grayling the ball back. Bay City fouled Schmidt, who made both free throws, giving GHS a 51-47 lead with 1:31 left in the game.

A foul by Grayling put the Bobcats at the free throw line for a one and one chance. Bay City missed the shot, and Dean grabbed the rebound for GHS. Feldhauser scored a lay-up on a pass from VanNuck to put Grayling up by six, 53-47.

Bay City answered with a jump shot to pull within four. The Bobcats fouled Schmidt, who hit one of two at the line. Bay City's next shot missed, Joshua Grant nabbed the rebound, and time ran out.

Grayling held on to win 54-49.

Schmidt and VanNuck were the leading scorers for GHS with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Dean was the rebounding leader for Grayling with nine boards. Schmidt had five assists, and VanNuck and Feldhauser each



Zach Dean handles the ball for Grayling near the basket against Bay City on Friday night.

finished with four steals.

"We showed great poise and character against John Glenn. The boys entered the fourth quarter down 41-33, buckled down on defense creating turnovers, and outscored Bay City 21-8 in the fourth quarter," said Coach Joe Mau. "Reagan Schmidt really took charge offensively and Eli VanNuck and Ryan Feldhauser came up with some key steals at the end."

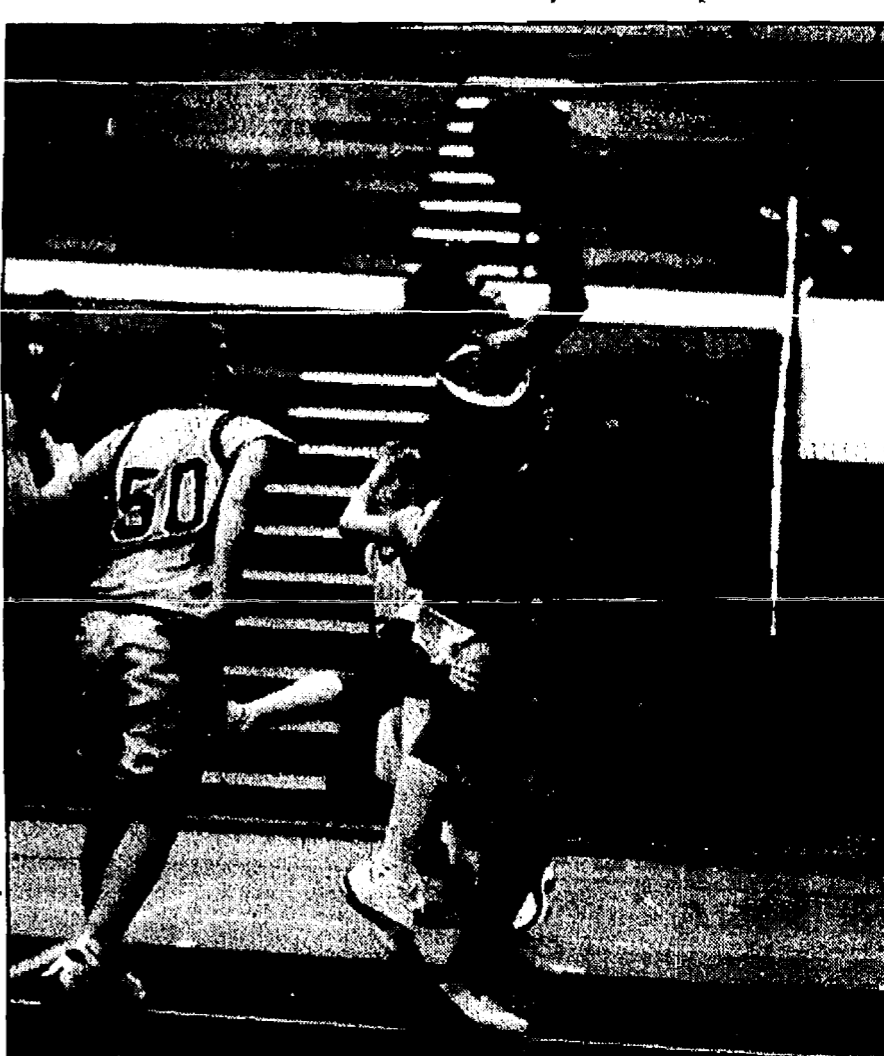
On Friday, December 20 the Vikings defeated Kalkaska's freshman squad 67-46 at GHS.

VanNuck led Grayling in scoring with 21 points. He also had seven steals and seven rebounds.

Schmidt finished with 12 points, six assists, and seven steals; Schneider had 12 points and six rebounds; and Dean posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Dean also had four steals.

"We look forward to continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Our solid backcourt of VanNuck and Schmidt continues to lead the team with excellent hustle and defense. Zach Dean also continues to be a presence down low," Coach Mau said.

The Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central on Thursday, January 9 at 6:15 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Eli VanNuck drives to the basket in last week's freshman boys basketball game vs. Bay City John Glenn.

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

Team C (248) 593-1301

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200233284

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

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## LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING**  
**NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

On March 1, 2002 real estate with unpaid 1998, 2000 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

**A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for , January 15, 2003-January 31, 2003 at 608 S Washington, Lansing MI 48933.**

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

**A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM, 02/06/03 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.**

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 02-5819-CZ.

**If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:**

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid-taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

**PLEASE NOTE :**

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2003. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2002. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Crawford County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount	Name	Parcel #	Amount
ABILITY BAIL BOND SERVICES AGENCY INC	050-019-004-420-00	\$2,954.95	EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59	NORTHWOOD LAND CO	031-021-010-005-02	\$395.55
ALAN J BROWN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	OBERG, MICHELLE	070-182-005-001-00	\$965.15
BANCROFT, LISA MARIE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OLD KENT BANK	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
BANK ONE, N.A.	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, CHERYL D	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OPALINSKI, VINCENT	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27
BATESON, SUSAN H	070-100-016-003-00	\$2,888.01	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	PATNODE, CHARLIE	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55
BEARSS, GARY	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FARMERS HOME ADM	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	PEDROTTE, LEO C	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, JERRY S	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FIRST NATIONAL	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	PEDROTTE, MARGARETTE	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37
BEARSS, RONALD E	020-028-001-032-00	\$710.07	FITZGERALD, MARK	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	PELTON, GEORGE	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, MARLENE	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FLAGSTAR BANK F.S.D.	062-020-016-040-07	\$451.63	PELTON, LINDA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30
BELL, RAYMOND C	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	FORCE, TRACIE V	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$3,970.88	PERRY, KAREN E	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE FOR JERRY BIEHL A	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	FORD, JOYCE A	052-520-000-450-00	\$464.56	PERRY, WILLIAM D	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE FOR JERRY BIEHL	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	FORD, LEONA E	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	PITTS, MARY	040-41-024-13-050-00	\$785.43
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE FOR JERRY BIEHL	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RICHARD J	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, ANTHONY S	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BIEHL, JERRY, TRUSTEE FOR JERRY BIEHL	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FOSTER, RUTH M	030-020-013-002-00	\$648.46	PIZZI, GAYE	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00
BISHOP, ROBERT D	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, JECZEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	POPE, BETTY L	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BISHOP, SANDRA S	064-160-000-005-00	\$425.47	FRANKLIN, STEVEN P	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	POPE, MICHAEL G	050-019-011-285-00	\$538.16
BONDROFF, CHERYL A	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	FREGOLLE & FREGOLLE PC	050-019-034-120-00	\$1,071.77	PRESCOTT, BILL	062-020-016-040-00	\$451.63
BONDROFF, TIMOTHY	052-520-000-383-00	\$336.00	GLADWIN, JAY	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44	PRINCE, FELIX F	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAVID T	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	PRINCE, PATRICIA G	062-032-010-190-00	\$861.30
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	GRATHOFF, DAWN M	032-101-000-027-00	\$666.27	RAY, GAIL S	010-13-024-13-020-00	\$1,088.69
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	RAY, RONALD E	010-13-024-13-020-00	\$1,088.69
BROWN, DIANE M	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	GREENPOINT CREDIT LLC	070-131-004-015-02	\$2,349.40	RELIABLE SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,000.00
BROWN, J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	GROSS, STEVEN D	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$408.72	RHINEHART, WILLIAM R	052-520-000-540-00	\$553.44
BROWN, MRS J ALAN	010-14-400-00-002-00	\$276.40	HABBERT, DAVID	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	ROBINSON, BARBARA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$114.59
BRYAN, OPAL	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HABBERT, DAWN	052-520-000-397-00	\$786.74	ROBINSON, EDWARD II	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$114.59
BRYAN, RAYMOND	010-14-400-00-236-00	\$268.66	HALL, AUSTIN E	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	ROCKHOLD, ALBERT L	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78
BURNETT, COLLIN K	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	HALL, CAROLINE, TRUSTE M	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49	ROTH/DOTTS, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$108.72
CAMPBELL, DAVID	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALL, GERALDINE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	SAPIEGA, CARL R	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CAMPBELL, LYNDIA	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HALSTEAD, KENNETH	030-011-001-109-00	\$816.31	SAPIEGA, FRANCES A	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL D	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	HARMER, TODD	040-45-283-00-135-00	\$487.74	SAWYER, NORBERTA M	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CARPENTER COOK CO	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	HARTWICK, CAROL A	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L, TRUSTEE OF THE THERON H WHITE DECLARATION OF TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CASE, SHAWN STARR	040-40-016-14-060-00	\$433.39	HARTWICK, JAMES F	031-011-006-180-00	\$777.59	SHAMOUN, KAREN	062-036-004-040-00	\$862.60
CHAPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HINKLE, MEGHAN M	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	070-100-015-001-00	\$2,892.78
CHAPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHEPLER, BETHLYN R	070-100-015-001-00	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, MRS RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	HURST, PATRICIA C	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-00	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, MRS. RONALD	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	IRS	051-002-009-055-00	\$1,573.37	SHEPLER, JAMES H	070-100-015-001-00	\$2,892.78
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	JOHNSON, RANDEE C	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77	SHILLIDAY, JOHN A	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,116.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	JONES, JAMES M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SHILLIDAY, LENA	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,116.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	JONES, JOYCE M	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81	SILVER FOX ENTERPRISES, INC.	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JOSEPH, MICHAEL	020-019-014-035-00	\$1,261.40	SKORSKI, MARTIN E	040-41-036-06-025-00	\$366.50
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CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	JUNTILLA, JOHN N	040-40-019-03-006-00	\$748.82	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
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CHUPAILO, ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, MICHAEL	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-000-018-00	\$992.16
CHUPAILO, ALVENA	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KNIESPECK, SUSAN	050-031-010-080-00	\$2,970.97	SOUTHARD, CECILIA	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,006.50
CHUPAILO, GREG	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	KOBEL, H A	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-000-013-00	\$2,691.57
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CITIFINANCIAL INC	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	KOBEL, HOWARD S	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	SOUTHARD, STEPHEN	070-110-001-001-00	\$7,006.50
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37	KOGELMAN, CYNTHIA S	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	STEPHEN TWOREK ETAL	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	KOGELMAN, RANDALL	030-002-006-120-00	\$1,614.41	SWAN FAMILY LTD	050-019-004-120-00	\$1,071.77
CONKLIN, CAROL	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LABEAN, LARRY L	064-161-000-040-00	\$931.19	SY, ALFRED	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LASH, LLEANA	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	SY, FLORENCE	064-830-000-027-00	\$781.81
CONKLIN, KENNETH	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	LEE, FERN	070-132-001-001-04	\$2,141.56	THERON H WHITE TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CONKLIN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	LEHMAN, CAROL	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	THERRIEN, TRACIE VIOLET	010-14-400-00-165-00	\$1,970.38
CONSECO ACCEPTANCE, GREEN TREE NKA	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	LIAKOS, ARTHUR	020-034-001-045-00	\$389.30	THOMPSON, ANGELA	050-004-001-020-00	\$1,402.25
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL KNA	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	LIAKOS, EUGENE	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	THOMPSON, CHRISTOPHER	050-004-001-020-00	\$1,402.25
CONSECO, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERV NKA	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	LOVE, DEBORAH K	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	TIRONI, MARY	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,003.46
CONSECO, GREEN TREE NKA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59	LOVE, KEVIN E	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	TITCHENELL, DONALD	062-036-012-020-00	\$976.83
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	TITCHENELL, DONALD R	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	TITCHENELL, E L JR	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY	070-120-004-011-00	\$1,946.00	TITCHENELL, ETHELYN L	062-036-012-030-01	\$668.78
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	MASTRANTONIO, JOHN BERNARD	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20	TITCHENELL, PATSY	062-036-012-020-00	\$976.83
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	MASTRANTONIO, MRS. JOHN B	010-13-013-14-300-00	\$307.20	TWOREK, STEPHEN	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05
CRAFT, GLEN	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	MATTHEWS, KAY	040-42-012-15-260-00	\$914.59	VALDEZ, JUAN J	030-010-014-022-00	\$362.08
CRAWFORD COUNTY	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	MAY, ERNEST S	010-11-027-15-040-00	\$1,146.05	VALDEZ, SHARI L	030-010-014-022-00	\$362.08
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCCLAIR, RONALD	040-43-033-07-020-00	\$654.05	VINTON, LORRAINE K, TRUSTEE OF THE THERON H WHITE DECLARATION OF TRUST	070-100-008-003-00	\$4,884.05
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION + COMMUNITY DEV	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	MCCLAIR, TAMMY	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	VSOSKE, JANICE	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49
DAUGHERTY, PAUL M, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA E DAUGHTERY REV LIV TRUST	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	MCREE, DAVID P	052-520-000-636-00	\$396.43	VSOSKE, KAY	030-027-010-040-00	\$760.49
DAVIS JEWELERS	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	MCWILLIAMS, DUANE	064-640-000-006-00	\$746.26	WAKELEY, DALE	070-131-004-015-00	\$2,349.40
DAVIS JEWELERS	070-100-015-0							

# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Contimortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated December 17, 1998 Assignee for Mortgagee -19-26-02-09

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

(248) 540-7701

## CRAWFORD COUNTY VACANT BOARD POSITIONS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for the Building Authority and Construction Board of Appeals.

Applicants are required to be county residents and have a genuine interest in promoting Crawford County. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by Wed., January 22, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. or may be obtained on line thru [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) and returned to Crawford County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk  
January 2, 2003

## NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2003

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 18	7:00 p.m.	R.O.C.C., Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

Attorneys for Centex Home Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie Spicer and Lawrence Spicer, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2001, and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 0548 on Page 261 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine and 54/100 dollars (\$28,009.54), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232654

Team J

-12-19-26-02-09

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jayson S. Welser, a married man and Michelle R. Welser, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2001, and recorded on August 16, 2001 in Liber 549 on Page 641 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 67/100 dollars (\$166,509.67), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes West, 2652.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01

degree 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 seconds East, 75 feet; thence South 25 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds West, 381.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West 350 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232413

Team X

-12-19-26-02-09

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH

Anthony J. Ballingash and

Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs

v

William H. Parker and

Tonya L. Parker, Defendants

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure

by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

R.O. Box 665

Grayling, Michigan 49738

989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-1: Harold Grifka, petitioner.  
T26N, R2W, Sec. 8  
40-008-12-180-00  
1309 M-72 East  
R-F Zone.

A request to add a 12' x 24' covered porch to the side of an existing residence. Closest point of new construction 24' to the east side lot line, a variance of 11'.

Case #03-2: Jack Mahank, petitioner.  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8  
45-766-12-021-00  
9270 Romany Ave.  
R-2 Zone

A request to add an 18' x 20' addition to an existing attached garage 16' from the rear lot line, a variance of 34'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Grayling Township Clerk

Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 8600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.

As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Team C (248) 593-1301

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200113993

Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Team S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200233544

Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

Team S (248) 5931304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200219390

Team S

-26-02-09-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311

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Attorneys and Counselors

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Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200234122

# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 10, 1980

March 1st still remains the target date for the opening of at least a portion of Mercy Hospital's new \$8 million dollar addition, which will vastly expand and improve medical services in the Grayling area. The fund drive has hit 92 percent of its goal.

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District has hired the first Conservation Crew to work on privately-owned lands in the state. The work crew will concentrate on soil erosion, control projects, wildlife habitat improvement, and timber stand improvement.

Fourteen girls are vying for the Miss Grayling Title this year. The girls entered in the contest include: Coreena Hall, Lisa Eshenroder, Suzy Nicholas, Toni Trudgeon, Jeanne Lang, Barbara Hoffman, Kim Wheeler, Tami Goss, Cindy Patnode, Miranda Canfield, Susan Weeber, Cheryl Carlson, Michelle Bancroft, Nancy Bitner and Staarla Baade.

Grayling has been picked as one of eight sites around the state of Michigan by the International Snowmobile Association to conduct a Sno-Fari for the Easter Seal Society. The fundraiser involves a series of guided pledge rides for snowmobilers, who ask friends, relatives and associates to sponsor their ride in support of Easter Seals.

The Vikings posted a back to school Friday night win against

Rogers City by a 63-46 score. A large contingent of fans watched the Vikes record their sixth straight victory without a loss.

Grayling brought four individual championships home Saturday from the Freeland Invitational wrestling tournament. Burt Partello, Tim Ferrigan, Tim Jones and Jerry Lucksted all won top honors.

Ten Grayling young people were able to get in their week of ski school at Crystal Mountain during the holidays before the snow disappeared. Attending were Heidi Bendig, Karen and Kevin Reynolds, Riley McNamara, Andy, Peter and Julie Huss, Pat Hickey, Mark Gust and Alan Weiss.

Now showing at local theatres, "Harold and Maude" with Ruth Gordon.

The Scrub Board Laundromat ended its month-long special promotion and announced the winner in their MOPED contest was Richard Lultz of Roscommon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Calkins was named "Queen for the Day" at the Middle School. The honor went to a very deserving lady who is very special to all the Middle School staff.

### 46 Years Ago January 10, 1957

Crawford County through its savings bond chairman, John H. Peterson, has been awarded the coveted Eisenhower Prayer Award in recognition of the fine record achieved during 1956 in

the promotion and sale of United States Savings Bonds.

Members of Grayling's Calvary Baptist Church will hold a dedication service this Sunday of their newly remodeled and enlarged church on Chestnut Street. Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church is Reverend Alvin Johnson.

Grayling Boy Scouts of Troop 77 enjoyed Sunday at Ogemaw Hills Ski Park near West Branch at the Annual Klondike Derby. About 125 scouts took part in the Klondike sled race.

The Frederic High Eagles won three straight games last week at Bellaire to win the conference basketball tournament held there. A trophy will be displayed at the Frederic School, the first one ever won by a Frederic team. Some 28 to 30 years ago, Frederic was awarded a plaque for a tournament victory but the plaque has since disappeared.

High temperature for January 9th was 29 degrees. Snow on the ground measured 16 inches.

### 69 Years Ago January 7, 1934

What might have been a very bad conflagration had it not been discovered when it was, occurred last Sunday night, when the Danish-Lutheran Church was damaged by fire. Shortly after 9 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson reported the fire, and the fire department arrived and extinguished the flames.

The Grayling High School basketball team was defeated by Boyne City last night by a score of 26 to 15 on the home court.

Russell Peterson is suffering

with a broken wrist, which he had the misfortune of receiving last Friday while at work for the C.W.A. while attempting to crank a car.

### 92 Years Ago January 10, 1911

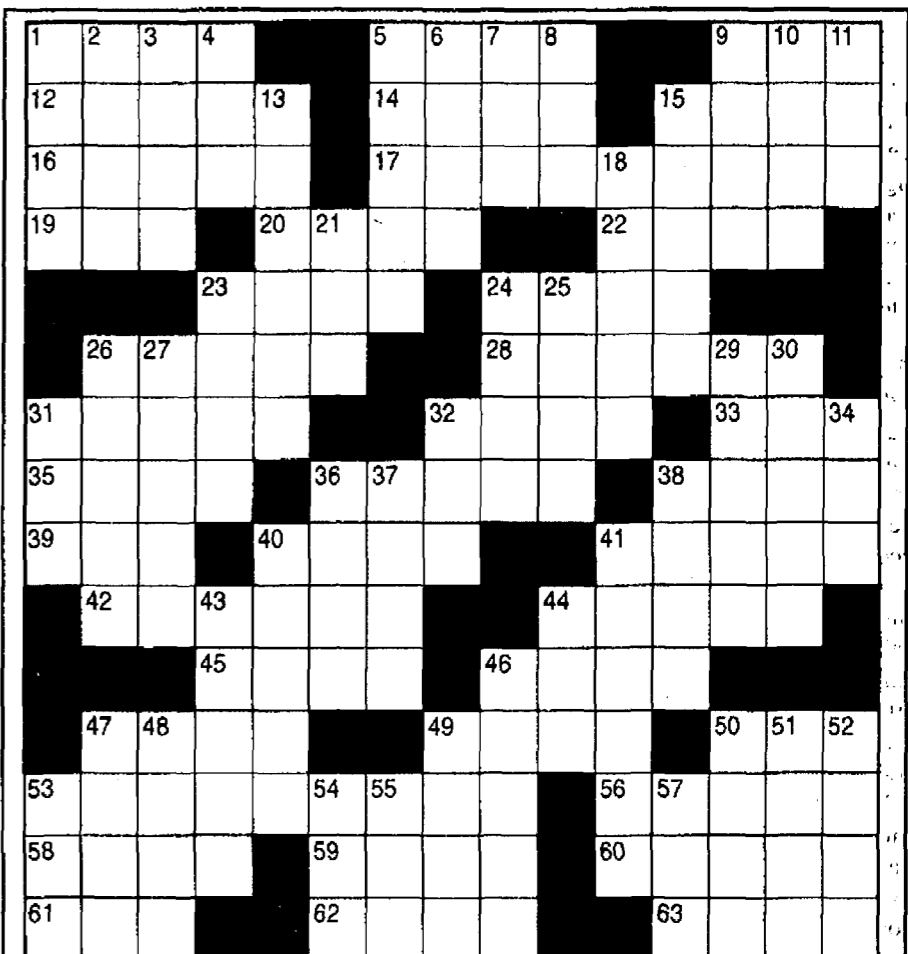
George Langevin and Karl Halter each lost a valuable horse last week.

Our local mills have suffered from a shortage of log supply, owing the terrific storms of late, and blockage on all the logging branches. Conditions for logging are very favorable, and a larger supply than ever will be put in.

Last week was a hummer for weather, having four nights in succession which registered from 13 to 18 degrees below zero, and Sunday night giving us five inches additional snow, which a 40 mile gale piled in almost impassable drifts in the roads running north and south.

We were too busy last week to notice the thirty-third anniversary of the birthday of the *Avalanche*. Twenty-nine years ago next month the present management adopted the "child" from Salling Hanson and Company, who had carefully nursed it for the preceding year, but finding it required so much care, they were willing to let it go. With the prosperity and growth of the county, it had more than quadrupled in every department, especially in the jobbing line, where it is now in condition to cope with any of the rurals of the state, having a large line of up-to-date type and material and four power presses in place of the old Washington hand press.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Hawaiian landscape feature
5. Ice formation, informally
9. Gary's state: abbr.
12. Hockey offense
14. Nobelist Weisel
15. One of Monty Hall's three
16. Bullring
17. Sets free
19. Thomas Jefferson's hair color
20. Brit's farewell
22. Olden word of woe
23. Bonanza character
24. Dandy's prop
26. Copycats
28. Tickle one's fancy
31. Hard as
32. Don a sari
33. Broly carrier's wear
35. Director Zinneman
36. Chlorophyll color
38. Drake U.'s state
39. House site
40. Codger
41. Star: suffix
42. Pyle portrayer
44. Doctrine
45. Employ
46. Mayberry lad
47. Take it comes (2 wds.)

### DOWN

1. Untruthful person
2. National park measure
3. Competed
4. Actress Jillian
5. Stiff drinks
6. Popular fallacies author
7. Fabric ridge
8. Letter before aitch
9. Mote
10. Nays
11. AIA members
13. Certain reptiles, for short
15. Glens
18. Amassed debt
21. The law is a (Dickens)
23. Was firm
24. Be solicitous
25. To (unanimous)
26. Ruth topper
27. Michelangelo masterpiece
29. Be a scene-stealer
30. Performed a carpentry task
31. Gridiron grp.
32. Kind of blanket
34. TV's 54, for one
36. Injure a matador
37. He ran against George and Bill
38. Conversational phrase
40. Rica
41. Out of bed
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### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Jell-O® Homemade Pudding Pops

2 cups cold milk  
1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O® Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, any flavor  
6, 5-ounce paper cups

POUR milk into medium bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes. Spoon into paper cups. Insert wooden pop sticks into each for handle.

FREEZE 5 hours or overnight until firm. To remove pop from cup, place bottom of cup under warm running water for 15 seconds. Press firmly on bottom of cup to release chiller. (Do not twist or pull pop stick.) Store leftovers in freezer.

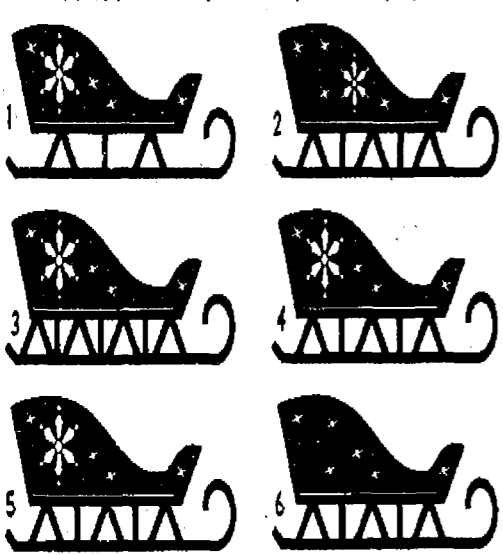
Variations:

Rocky Road Pudding Pops: Use JELL-O® Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, and stir in 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows and 1/4 cup each chopped peanuts and chocolate chips.

Double Decker Pudding Pops: Prepare 2 packages (4-serving size) JELL-O® Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, any flavors, each with 2 cups milk as directed on package for pudding. Spoon about 1/4 cup of one flavor pudding into each of 9 (5-ounce) paper cups. Repeat with remaining flavor of pudding.

## FIND THE TWINS

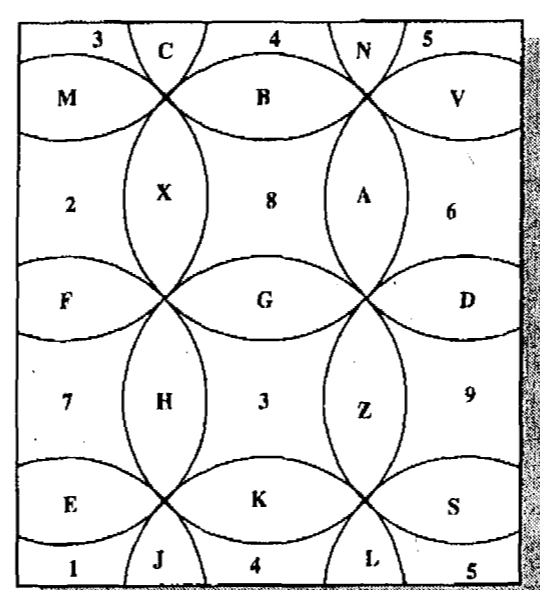
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## DID YOU KNOW

Miami, the most southerly major city on the continental U.S. sits about two degrees north of the Tropic of Cancer.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 9, 2003



December 22-January 19

Life seems mundane to you. Making just one small change, like updating your hairstyle or adopting a pet, could improve your perspective.



March 21-April 19

A friend has suffered a relapse. Plan something fun to boost their morale. Don't forget that important event at work.



June 22-July 22

Changes are in store for your department at work. Look at them from the viewpoint of the company rather than yourself, and they will be much easier to accept.



September 23-October 22

It's time to tackle that home improvement project you have been putting off. The project may seem too large to do yourself, but if you divide it into stages, you will be finished with it in no time.



January 20-February 18

Your desk at work is flooded with new ideas. Approach each of them with an open mind, and implement only those that will make an impact.



April 20-May 20

You receive a pleasant surprise this week. Celebrate with an evening out. Some young friends need help; lend them a hand.



July 23-August 22

An unhappy client at work may mean longer hours. Make sure you have everything at home in order before the overtime starts.



October 23-November 21

A family member has suffered a loss and is feeling lonely as a result. Set aside some time for them and be there when they need you.



February 19-March 20

You were hoping for a break in your schedule, and you may soon have it. Take advantage of it and use the time wisely. It won't last long.



May 21-June 21

An old friend you lost touch with returns. Reconnect with them on a special outing. A financial matter requires your attention.



August 23-September 22

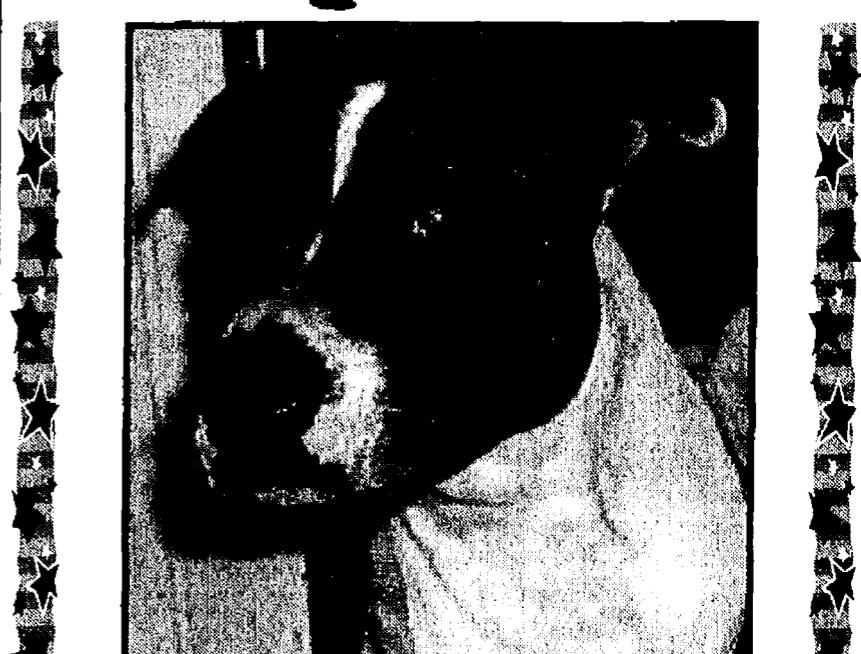
Some unexpected news this week at work could result in anger and chaos. Be prepared to help those around you accept the news graciously and react calmly.



November 22-December 21

It's time to revise your budget. You have a new source of income that needs to be accounted for, as well as new debts. It wouldn't hurt to add more to your savings account.

## Adopt a Pet



Petey is a male Staffordshire Terrier. He is approximately 2 years old and very friendly. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:

508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
12/31	44	29	
1/1/03	29	16	
1/2/03	25	16	
1/3/03	24	17	trace
1/4/03	26	15	
1/5/03	31	14	
1/6/03	29	20	1
1/7/03	29	9	

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 40 Low 20	High 35 Low 13	High 27 Low 7	High 24 Low 10	High 28 Low 15	High 30 Low 14
Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers/Wind	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow

# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** [www.century21grayling.com](http://www.century21grayling.com) (1/7/99tf/1)

**IN "SHERWOOD FOREST"** Home for sale. Five bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen, dining, living and rec rooms, metal roof, new septic field, newer furnace, and wood burner, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Call Helena Gasser (989) 348-7330. (-9/1)

**NEWLY REMODELED MODULAR HOME** 1,456 sq. ft. Three bedroom, two full baths with fireplace. Extremely neat and clean. 8 x 12 shed, 10 x 12 deck, approximately one acre in quiet neighborhood, paved road, close to state land and Manistee River. Must see! \$69,900 Call (989) 344-1384 (-9-16/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**ONE ACRE, PARTIALLY CLEARED**, driveway, 1/2 mile south on Chase Bridge Road. \$7,000. Call (906) 643-8387. (-19-26-2-9/1)

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**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath.** Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-9-16-23-30/1)

### 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft, immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square foot. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR2/28/03/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Suitable for offices and medical examining rooms. 775 sq. ft. 6251 M-72 West, one mile west of Grayling. \$550 month. (989) 348-4716 (-9/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418. (-9/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** on Arrowhead Rd. New bath, large kitchen and front room in quiet setting. \$1,150 moves you in. \$450 month plus \$450 security plus \$220 for new fill in fuel on tank. Call (989) 348-6334. (LR2/7/03/2)

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 and security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 including utilities plus security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

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**FOUR BEDROOM TRAILER** for rent. \$400 per month plus deposit. (989) 348-3954 (-9/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** Natural gas heat and cooking. \$350 per month plus \$150 deposit. No pets. Call (989) 348-4131. (-9-16/2)

**FIREWOOD** \$35 a face cord. You haul or will deliver. (989) 350-5648. Also wood items built to suit. (-9/2)

**ONE OR TWO BEDROOM** upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)

**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** on Old Lake Rd. \$500 plus utilities and security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent between Kalkaska and Grayling. 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$485 a month plus deposit. (231) 275-6887 (-9/2)

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**LARGE TWO BEDROOM** home in the city of Grayling. \$400 per month plus deposit. Call (989) 344-8787 (-9-16/2)

**THREE BEDROOM DUPLEX HOME**, with garage in Roscommon, \$450 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (-9-16/2)

**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-9-16/2)

**RECENTLY REMODELED** 700 sq. ft two bedroom apartment at 201 Fulton in Grayling. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Hookup for washer and dryer in apartment and in locked storage space in basement. Air conditioned. Non-smoking. Must see to appreciate. Ideal for single or couple. \$485 per month \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call (989) 348-7143. (12/5/02tf/2)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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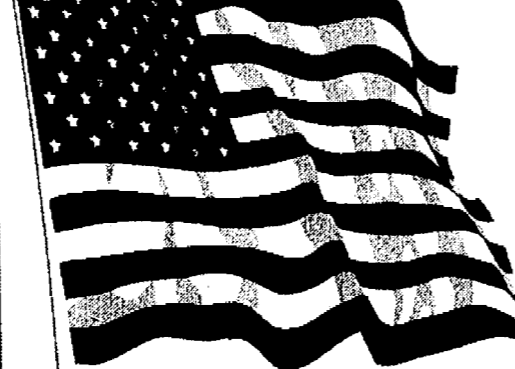
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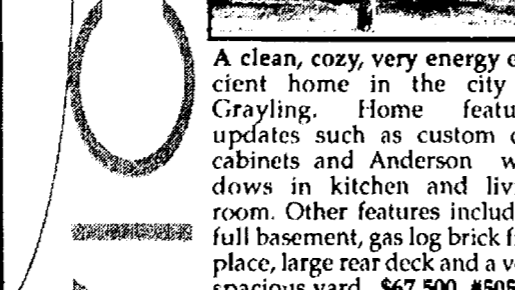


Spacious and elegant living on a peaceful 5 acre parcel abutting State land, close to Fox Run Golf Course and I-75. Many updates include finished, insulated garage w/new door, and electrical set up for generator, new lighting in kitchen and master bath, gas log in fireplace, new front storm door, additional concrete apron, new split rail fence and 2 new mercury vapor lights. \$235,000 #5062

## Proud To Be American!



A clean, cozy, very energy efficient home in the city of Grayling. Home features updates such as custom oak cabinets and Anderson windows in kitchen and living room. Other features include a full basement, gas log brick fireplace, large rear deck and a very spacious yard. \$67,500 #5059



Well maintained mobile home has a great location close to public access points on the AuSable River, and close to snowmobile trails and State Land. Home has newer roof, water heater, furnace and well pump. Large shed was being converted into a guest cabin. \$24,500 #5049



Nice secluded, two bedroom cabin has one bathroom, includes stove and refrigerator and a guest house. Features a garden area, knot pine interior, two car garage and a storage shed. Property is very close to the AuSable River. \$86,500 #5024



120 acres, home, garage, and a large barn with hay loft. The home is older but spotless and in good condition with full basement and 5 bedrooms. Beautiful hardwoods cover about 45% of the property. Owner says tillable land is in excellent condition and has been used wisely in the past. \$320,000 #5047



This full log shell includes doors, windows and partitions for rooms. It is a one story construction with a loft and a 16x28 half log attached garage. Home does not include a well, septic, plumbing, heating, electrical or appliances. \$87,000 #4973



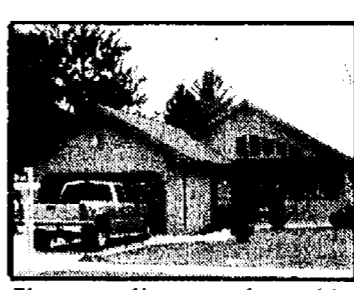
Motivated Seller! Well maintained, three bedroom, two bath home, situated on 2 lots, has a deeded easement to the AuSable River, and backs up to State Land. Featuring a master bedroom suite, solid 6 panel wood interior doors, large kitchen with island, paved driveway, shed and tons of beautiful landscaping. \$128,000 #5043



Great Location!! Only minutes from town. This three bedroom home has had many updates to include: house wrap and vinyl siding, vinyl windows, new roof and extra insulation to ceiling. (R-40) Garage is 16 x 30 with the back half being utilized as a workshop. \$78,000 #5011



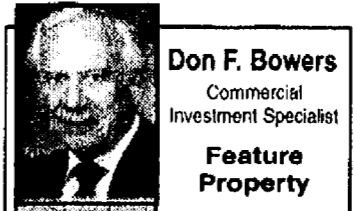
208 feet of frontage of the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with a variance to build closer to the river! This clean two bedroom cabin is turn key ready and perfect for all season recreational fun. Steps lead down to a beautiful view of the world famous AuSable River \$160,500 #4958



Fine quality workmanship throughout! Stunning entrance into the 16 x 28 "Great Room" with beautiful Cedar Cathedral Ceilings. A large snack bar divides the kitchen from the living room. Kitchen offers a lot of cabinet space and counter area, along with some nifty features: slide out trays, two lazy Susans and appliance garage. \$125,000 #5061



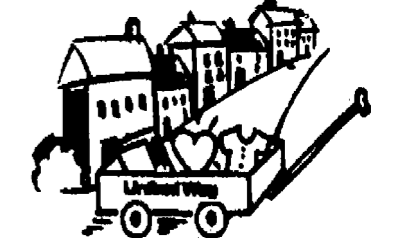
This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full bathrooms and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about two miles away. \$73,500 #5034



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**2. For Rent**  
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**2. For Rent**  
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Three Bedroom .... \$375.00  
Four Bedroom ..... \$400.00  
Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.  
308 Lawndale Drive  
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**3. Employment**  
**APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN** for third shift and second shift Sales Associate. Must be hard working, neat, organized with excellent customer service skills. Benefits for full-time employees include: insurance, vacations, 401k and more. Apply at Charlie's County Corner. (-2-9/3)

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## Crawford County Road Commission Position Available Administrative Clerk

The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of an Administrative Clerk.

Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

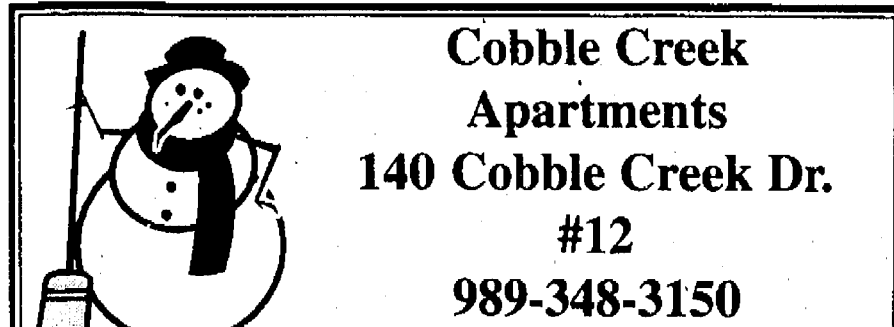
Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. January 18, 2003 at the Road Commission Office @ 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission  
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648  
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

The Grayling Housing Commission is taking applications for senior/disabled one bedroom apartments, as well as two and three bedroom family units. Call 989-348-9314 if you are interested, or stop by the Grayling Housing Commission and pick up an application.

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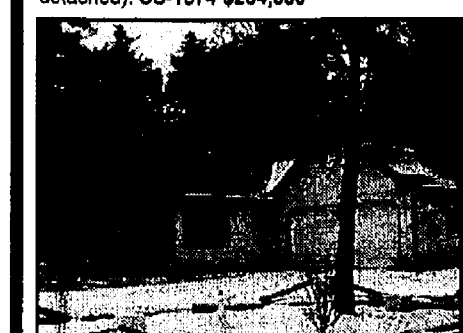
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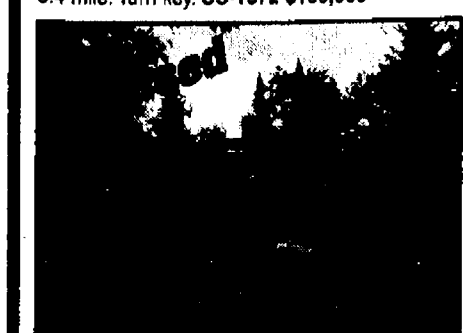
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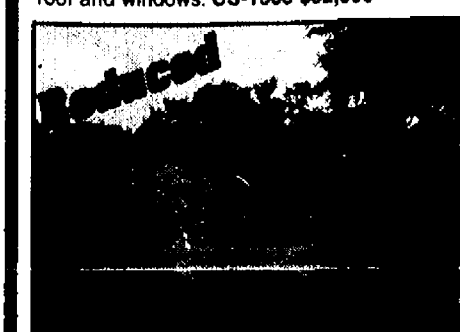
**TRANQUIL SETTING WITH LOTS OF WILDLIFE!** Custom built home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with 1600 sq. ft. Open floor plan with living room, family room, kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom offers walk in closet. Computer room or den off upstairs bedroom. Full finished basement with laundry facility. Hot tub off back deck. Hot water heat (wood or propane). Manicured lawn with 55 sprinkler heads and 4 zones. 2 garages (attached & detached). CS-1674 \$204,000



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 5.30 ACRES!** This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout, oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, crest-line vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$109,000



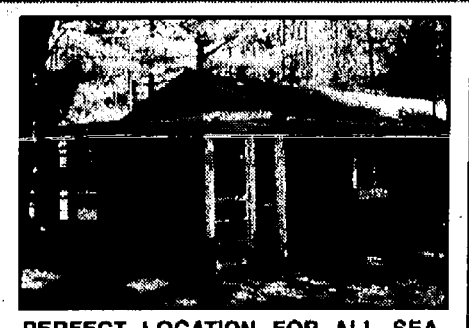
**LARGE FAMILY HOME** offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, with 2024 sq. ft. family room, living room, dining room, den, large utility room, fenced yard, double lot, newer vinyl siding, roof and windows. CS-1585 \$82,000



**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$65,000



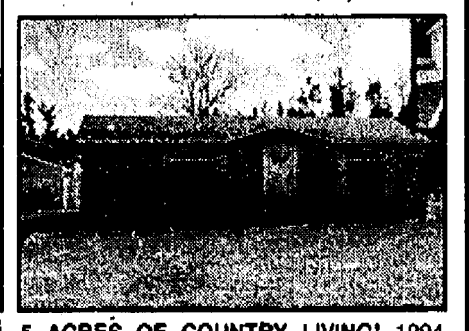
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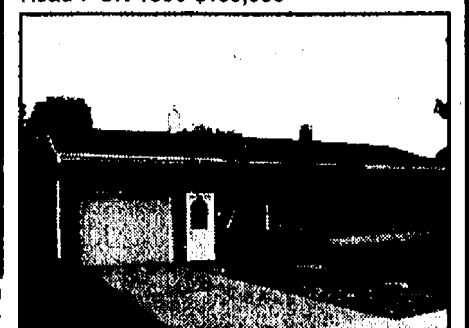
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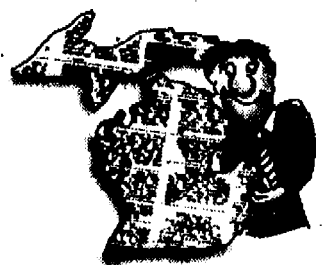
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Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$16,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 BUICK REGAL**  
GS, Top of the line, leather, sunroof, a beautiful car!  
#19278-1  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$13,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**  
Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1  
Was \$16,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE D'ELEGANCE**  
Awesome white diamond with chrome wheels, in great condition and priced like a Chevrolet. #18758-1  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$15,988 Not a Mistake!

## Clean Cars Under \$10,000

**1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**  
Great car for the price!  
#19278-1  
Was \$3,988  
Blowout Price \$2,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CADILLAC CONQUOR**  
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall!  
#19390-2  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**  
Very nice with only 56,000 miles!  
#19357-2  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 CHEVY LUMINA**  
LS, only 35,000 miles and clean! New tires, fully equipped!  
#19561-1  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 DODGE NEON**  
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy! #18990-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means!  
#19485-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,488 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE NEON**  
Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice!  
#19419-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDS AURORA**  
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD TAURUS**  
GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 BUICK REGAL**  
Nice used car with lots of quality driving left in it. #4858-1  
Was \$6,488  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

## Clean Cars Under \$10,000 Cont.

**1999 SATURN WAGON SW1**  
Auto, with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas Mileage! #4882  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Red! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19263-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK LESABRE**  
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19198-2  
Was \$10,988  
Blowout Price \$9,488 Not a Mistake!

**1997 DODGE STRATUS ES**  
V6, automatic, A/C, loaded! Great Car!  
#19299-1  
Was \$5,988  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS**  
LS, loaded and clean as they come! Don't snooze on this one! #4855-1  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

## Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's

**1997 CHEVY K1500**  
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck.  
#19387-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4x4**  
Sportside, V8, Very Nice!  
Lots of eye appeal! #4873  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4x4**  
V-6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice!  
#4967  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter!  
#4936  
Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4**  
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded!  
Only 29,000 miles! #4896  
Was \$31,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air! V-8, with only 10,000 miles! #4899  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4x4**  
LT with leather! Loaded to the max!  
35,000 miles! #4718  
Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT**  
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean!  
#4923  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE RAM**  
Quad Cab, V-8, SLT, fully equipped!  
#19467-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 DODGE DURANGO 4x4**  
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902  
Was \$24,988  
Blowout Price \$21,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new!  
#19311-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD WINDSTAR**  
SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**  
4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940  
Was \$30,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

## Next to New Trucks, Vans, SUV's Cont.

**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4x4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp!  
#4818  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4x4**  
Z71 LT with leather! All of the goodies and only 18,000 miles! #19479-1  
Was \$26,988  
Blowout Price \$23,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, lift, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT**  
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful! #19371-1  
Was \$18,488  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD EXPLORER**  
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather!  
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Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 GMC YUKON 4x4**  
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931  
Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$25,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS**  
With leather, only 28,000 miles!  
Loaded with goodies! #4847  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 JEEP WRANGLER**  
Sahara top of the line! V-8, 5 spd., air, hardtop, 2 tops, very nice! Worry Free Warranty! #19407-1  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**  
Wow! What a sweetie! Open white with neutral leather! #4945  
Was \$33,988  
Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4x4**  
Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

## Clean Trucks, SUV's and Vans under \$10,000

**1995 CHEVY C1500**  
2 Wheel drive, V6, stick. Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
6 cyl. nice! Ready for winter!  
#19180-3  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4**  
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles!  
#19528-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN**  
Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE DURANGO**  
4x4 SLT, 3 seats, fully equipped! V8, very clean. Has a few miles but what a bargain! #19348-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4**  
2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!  
#19210-2  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**  
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

**1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped.  
#19233-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

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## Superintendent recommends closing Frederic Elementary

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Milli Haug met with over 100 concerned Frederic residents for more than two hours Monday evening regarding the possible closing of Frederic Elementary at the end of the current school year.

Haug began by saying that two factors are affecting the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) and together they are painting a grim picture for the future. First, the entire district is facing a steady decline in the student population. Second, the economy in general is in decline. Both of these factors have a direct impact on the school budget.

Since the passage of Proposal A, schools are no longer funded by local property taxes. The basic student grant, now worth \$6,700 per pupil, comes from the state legislature. This grant is funded by sales taxes and when the economy is in decline, fewer goods are bought and less sales tax is collected. The best scenario for next year is that the grant will stay at current levels. However, a cut in the grant is a distinct possibility.

These factors have left the school district with a projected budget shortfall of nearly \$700,000.

Since it is illegal for schools to operate without a balanced budget, the CASD Board must find

ways to trim the budget. Projections indicate the picture for 2004-05 is no better.

Ultimately, 80% of the budget goes to pay for staff with 20% for supplies and equipment. The board plans to cut staff through retirements and resignations. It is seeking ways to make cuts that will have the smallest impact on student achievement.

When asked directly if Frederic Elementary would be closing, Haug said that based on the best information available she will recommend the transfer of Frederic Elementary students for at least one year. If the district looks like it will grow, then the students will be moved back.

When the audience learned it took approximately \$800,000 to operate Frederic Elementary for one year they asked how much would be saved since the building would still be heated, additional bus runs would be needed and no teachers would be cut. They were told money would be saved by teacher retirements, support staff cuts, and the building would not be heated to the same level it is currently, nor would there be much in the way of costs for other utilities.

Haug was asked several times what the rest of the district is giving up and she replied that several options were on the table but nothing had been decided yet. Audience members then asked why closing Frederic Elementary

was the first thing that had been decided upon. Others said the closing was already a "done deal" and nothing they said would make any difference.

School Board President Karl Schreiner said that nothing has been decided. The school board regularly receives recommendations at one meeting and decides on the recommendation at the next meeting. The recommendation about Frederic Elementary will be given at the January 20 meeting and no decision will be made until the February meeting at the earliest.

If audience members come up with some ideas for ways to cut the budget and keep Frederic Elementary open, the Board will not necessarily make any decisions until later in the year.

Suggestions from the audience included busing students from other areas of the county to Frederic Elementary or bringing back some or all of the Frederic middle school students. Audience members were urged by one parent to send their suggestions, in writing, to Haug so she could share them with the Board.

When asked what effect moving the 104 Frederic Elementary students to AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary would have on class size, Haug said it would have a minimal effect.

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## First baby of 2003 has arrived



Higgins Lake residents Cheryl and Donald Kiss welcomed their first child, Brandon Thomas on January 3. He is the first baby of the new year to be born at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

by Cheryl Rulley  
Staff Writer

Mercy Hospital Grayling announced early this week its first baby born in the year 2003.

Brandon Thomas Kiss missed being a true New Year's baby by just a few days, arriving on Friday, January 3 at 7:15 a.m., weighing in at a healthy 8 lbs. 1 ounce and measuring 20

inches long.

Drs. Donald and Cheryl Kiss, both dentists who make their home in Higgins Lake, are the proud parents of this bouncing baby boy, delivered by local obstetrician, Dr. David LaGattuta, MD, with the help of hospital staff.

Brandon is the couple's first child and everyone is doing

fine.

Cheryl said the service she received at Mercy Grayling was excellent. "Everyone was wonderful and very helpful," she said, especially nurse Becky Grace.

Coincidentally, Cheryl is a New Year's baby herself, born on January 1st. "We didn't ask what year.

## More than 19,000 caught unbuckled

► Sheriff's Office nets \$5,000 grant to help pay for new equipment

The Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) reported more than 19,000 safety belt citations were written by Michigan law enforcement officers during the highly publicized "Click it or Ticket" campaign, November 25 through December 8, 2002.

During the two-week enforcement, 484 law enforcement agencies across the state made safety belt enforcement a priority. The 365 agencies providing OHSP with data reported 18,872 citations were for unbuckled adults and 475 citations were written for unbuckled children ages 15 and under.

"The volume of citations written during this two-week enforcement period proves that law enforcement officers were serious about the zero tolerance approach," said Betty J. Mercer, OHSP division director. "They realize we can't increase safety belt use rates by giving warnings. As belt use goes up, deaths and injuries go down, and that's the ultimate goal."

Overall, belt use in Michigan is 82.9 percent, based on a direct

### Crawford Sheriff's statistics from 'Click it or Ticket' campaign

- Total Patrol Hours - 168
- Vehicles Stopped - 187
- Seat Belt Violations:
  - Child under age four unrestrained - one
  - Child between the ages of four and 15 years - seven
  - Adults and teens 16 and over - 107
- Other violations:
  - Speeding violations - 22
  - Other moving violations - 11
  - Non-moving violations (no proof of insurance, registration, etc.) - 38
  - Felony arrests - 10
  - Misdemeanor arrests - 13
  - Open intoxicants/minor in possession of alcohol - two

observation survey taken following the Labor Day weekend.

Federal funds were granted to 18 counties to put additional officers on the roads during the two-week period, but did not include Crawford County. These counties are the state's most populous and also reflect where crash problems are greatest.

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## NEW ROAD COMMISSIONER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds administers the oath of office on January 2 to recently elected road commissioner, Jim Burtch. He joins Ken Riehle and John Hartman on the road board, replacing Tom Perry who could not run for office due to his military obligations.

## Raise in juror pay may prove costly

► Legislators said jury pay had fallen far behind the rate of inflation

by Cheryl Rulley  
Staff Writer

Among former Governor John Engler's last actions in office was the signing of several bills, two of which will have a direct effect on revenue and expenses for many Michigan counties.

One bill, which became effective January 1, raises the fee from \$25 to \$45 for drivers, suspended due to nonpayment of traffic tickets, to have their driving privileges reinstated.

The second bill, designed to be funded by the revenues of the first bill described, raises the minimum fee paid to jurors from \$7.50 for a half-day's service to \$12.50, and from \$15 to \$25 for each full day's service.

The state Juror Compensation Fund will receive \$15 of the increase from each fee collected as a result of the suspended driver reinstatement bill, and the city or county covering the cost of the local court will receive \$5. Locally, that is Crawford County.

The new juror pay does not

take effect until October 1, leaving some time for counties to prepare for the change and for the Fund to build.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore is a bit skeptical. "The first bill is supposed to pay, and then some, for the raise in juror compensation, but there is no way to know for sure if the formula will work because we don't know what the jury demand will be," Moore remarked. "I just hope the raise isn't just another hit to the county's budget."

State legislators passed the bills because juror compensation had not been increased for many years and was far behind the rate of inflation. They found jurors whose employers did not pay them their regular salary or who were unemployed faced some financial hardship while serving. The raise is supposed to serve as an incentive to citizens to fulfill their civic duty by serving on a jury when called.

Another way legislators and the Governor agreed to raise funds was to increase the fees paid by those requesting a jury trial in civil cases. As of January 1, jury demand fees in circuit court cases rose from \$60 to \$85 and in district court from \$40 to \$50.

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Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Seven members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners were sworn in last Thursday by Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore (far left): District #1 Harold "Tike" Golnick, District #2 Scott Hanson, District #3 Shelley Pinkelman, District #4 Lynnette Corlew, District #5 Dave Stephenson, District #6 Rick Anderson and District #7 Terry Beardslee.

## Corlew resumes board chair status

► Board chair, vice chair elected; assignments made to committees

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has grown to seven and all were sworn in for two-year terms at the Board's annual organizational meeting on January 2.

The board make up is as follows: District #1 Harold "Tike" Golnick, District #2 Scott Hanson, District #3 Shelley Pinkelman, District #4 Lynnette Corlew, District #5 Dave Stephenson, District #6 Rick Anderson and District #7 Terry Beardslee. Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore administered the oath of office and the board got down to the business of electing its Chairperson and Vice Chairman. By a unanimous vote in both instances, Corlew was elected to serve as the Board's Chair and Hanson will serve as Vice Chair.

Hanson has been serving the last two years as Chairman and Corlew had previously served in the position from 1999-2001.

Committee chairmanships have undergone some changes. Heading up the Ways and Means Committee will be Stephenson, who replaces the recently retired Elizabeth Wieland. Beardslee will take over the helm of the Judicial Committee, replacing Corlew. Golnick and Pinkelman will remain the chairmen of the Law Enforcement and Personnel and Labor Committees, respectively.

Regular monthly meetings are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the courthouse in Grayling as follows: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

Monthly committee meetings are set for 9:30 a.m. on January 8, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11.

Besides their duties of decision-making and budgeting for the county, the commissioners

also represent constituents and the best interest of all county residents on various boards and agencies serving Crawford County.

The following is a list of committee assignments. The Commissioners will attend a variety of meetings and will play an important role in the decisions of these agencies during the course of the next year.

Besides serving as Board Chair, Corlew will serve with Emergency Management, Public Health, the Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Northern Counties.

Vice Chair Hanson will serve with Emergency Management, Public Health (alternate), Planning and Zoning, Environmental/Soil and Water, the Economic Development Fund (EDF), Parks Commission (alternate), and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) as its alternate.

In addition to his role as Law Enforcement Committee Chairman, Golnick will serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, Commission on Aging, the EDF, Parks Commission, and Mobile

Medical Response.

Pinkelman adds to her list of duties, besides Chair of Personnel and Labor, serving as alternate for the Community Corrections Advisory Board, liaison to the Road Commission, and Public Health.

Judicial Committee Chairman Beardslee will serve with the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) in Alpena, the Northeast Michigan Consortium in Atlanta, Mobile Medical Response and the county's Audit Committee.

Ways and Means Committee Chair Stephenson will also serve with Community Mental Health, Planning & Zoning, Youth Services Bureau, and the Industrial Development Committee.

Anderson will serve with the Family Independence Agency, Strong Families/Safe Children, Crawford County Collaborative Body, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse, Michigan Northern Counties (alternate), the Library Board and NEMCOG.

For more information on any of these assignments, call the commissioner assigned or Clerk Moore at 344-3200.

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## C.A.R.E Night promises fun, prizes

► United Way fund-raiser is set for January 25 at K of C Hall

The Crawford County United Way is hard at work finalizing arrangements for what promises to be an exciting kickoff to its 2003 annual fund-raising campaign.

The C.A.R.E. Night Auction is set for January 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling. Many of the same activities from last year's event will be returning for the auction this year.

The popular "bucket raffles" will be one of the ways in which everyone can participate at a very affordable price. Also returning for this year's event will be the silent auction, 50/50 raffles and door prize drawings. Paid admission of \$5 per person enters each attendee into a number of door prize drawings throughout the evening.

The highlight of the evening will be the live auction focusing on some wonderful donated prizes, as well as local "celebrity" special events for purchase.

"We've had an absolutely wonderful response from the business community this year in terms of donations," said United Way Executive Director, April Brunger. "We've got such a wide variety of items, everyone is sure to find something to take home."

A sampling of items available

for purchase includes: dining packages from local restaurants, gift certificates from area retailers, an autographed Red Wings hockey puck, casino packages, a family sports pass for Grayling High School athletic events, an auto detailing package, golf packages, and much more. A complete list of items and their donors will be available in next week's *Avalanche*.

All auction and raffle proceeds go directly back into the local community. Monies raised from the evening will allow the Crawford County United Way to provide funding to 16 local human services agencies serving local residents. Representatives of many of these member agencies will be in attendance and, if asked, will be happy to share their first-hand experience of how their agencies benefit from contributions to the United Way.

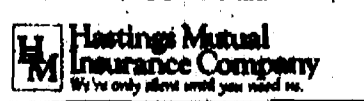
"So, be sure to mark your calendar and plan on attending this year's festivities," urged Brunger. "Help us build a community of caring."

Doors open at the K of C Hall on Saturday, January 25 at 6 p.m., with bidding to start at 7 p.m. Purchases can be made by cash or check. A cash bar will be available and the Knights of Columbus will be selling a variety of food throughout the evening.

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## More than 19,000 caught unbuckled

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The grant-funded enforcement was supplemented by hundreds of other Michigan law enforcement agencies taking part in the mobilization, including the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Grayling City Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office issued 115 seat belt violation tickets during the campaign and was among 365 agencies to submit its statistics to the OHSP. In return, the sheriff's office was entered into a random drawing and won a

\$5,000 grant Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said will be used to purchase another car video camera to be used during pursuits and traffic stops.

"We have one car equipped with a camera right now and it has proved very valuable when presenting evidence in court," Wakefield said. "Recording traffic stops saves on court time, thus saves money."

OHSP Grants Manager Debbie Savage said the random drawing was held to avoid having the contest appear to be based on a ticket-writing quota. "We just wanted to reward law

enforcement agencies for taking part in the campaign, bringing more awareness to the importance of buckling up," Savage said.

A record number of law enforcement agencies submitted their statistics, making the campaign the best ever.

According to Savage, Sheriff Wakefield should receive his grant in about two months.

For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat of injury or death. According to the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), if every state conducted high visibility enforcement, 5,000 to 7,000 lives could be saved nationally each year.

In addition to safety belt citations, police made 1,256 arrests for alcohol-related offenses during the enforcement period. In Crawford County, Sheriff Wakefield reports the campaign resulted in 10 felony arrests on outstanding warrants and many speeding tickets were written.

*Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryl Ruley contributed to this article.*

## New state laws cover a variety of issues

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A raise in juror compensation, the suspended driver license reinstatement fee, and jury demand fees were only three of the issues covered by a variety of bills signed into law by former Michigan Governor John Engler during his final hours in office. Five other important issues were also among those addressed and have the potential of affecting local citizens and protecting children.

Effective January 1, members of the clergy are required to report cases of suspected sexual

and other abuse of a child to law enforcement, holding the clergy to the same law that requires members of the health care community, social workers and educators to do the same.

Also for the protection of children was a bill signed ordering the establishment of an "Amber Alert" plan, pairing the Michigan State Police with television and radio stations to provide the public with prompt information regarding missing children.

The Amber Alert system was first established in California, and the trend is growing nation-

wide for each state to establish its own system.

On the business front, auto dealers are now allowed to charge up to \$160 for document preparation on the sale of a vehicle. The previous limit was \$40.

For state employees serving legislative, judicial and executive offices, an early retirement was offered as a money-saving measure for the state.

Employees with combined years of service and age totaling 75 years were eligible and had until December 31, 2002 to apply for early retirement. Those who chose to do so have until

mid-January to opt out. Those who choose early retirement must leave their jobs by the end of January.

Perhaps the most controversial bill concerns cutting the state budget by \$63.7 million. The bill is part of a package to reduce state spending by \$460 million in fiscal year 2003, and operate on a balanced budget. No decisions have been made on where the cuts will be made, but Governor Jennifer Granholm said late last week some important programs will see cuts.

She also promised not to raise taxes.

## Superintendent recommends closing FES

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She said kindergarten classes would have 18 students, first grade would have 19, second grade 21, third grade 23, fourth grade either 23 or 26 depending on how many classes there were, and fifth grade would have 24 students in a class.

Several people commented closing the school would "rip the heart out of Frederic." One parent said if the school is closed, the district would probably have trouble ever getting any support from the north end of the county.

One parent with students at

Frederic Elementary said she thought it was ironic that several of the people who expressed concern about the possible closing of the school were either home-schooling their children or sending them to Gaylord.

Several members of the audi-

ence asked if the January board meeting could be held at Frederic Elementary since it concerned the possible closing of the school. Schreiner said, barring any legal problems, they would be willing to have the meeting at Frederic Elementary.

## Alleged purse snatcher arraigned in Circuit Court

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A local man was arraigned on Monday in 46th Circuit Trial Court for allegedly wrestling a purse from a customer at Glen's Market early last month.

Suspect William Benjamin Boyd's case was bound over from 83rd District Court last month when enough evidence

was presented by the Crawford County Prosecutor's office and the Grayling City Police to send Boyd to trial.

On December 4, Boyd was held by store employees awaiting the arrival of police after they witnessed the theft inside the store and caught him in the parking lot as he attempted to flee in a car with the customer's purse.

Boyd has been charged with one count of unarmed robbery, a 15-year felony, and two felony charges of writing checks on closed bank accounts. Boyd remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$55,000 cash bond.

Boyd stood mute at his arraignment before Chief Judge Alton Davis and a not guilty plea

was entered on his behalf. No trial date has been set.

## New trial dates set in school bomb threat case

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A jury trial has been scheduled to take place March 19-21 in 46th Circuit Trial Court in the case of a former Grayling Middle School teacher who admitted to calling in a bomb threat early last year.

Kathryn Olson has been charged with one felony count of making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device, causing the school to close for the day. A search of the building and grounds revealed no bomb or other explosive device. She is no longer teaching at the school.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis will preside over the trial and has issued a pretrial order that there are to be no additional delays or adjournments in bringing the case to trial.

Olson remains free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. If convicted, she faces up to four years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,000.

## Rape suspect allowed to undergo evaluation

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Chief Judge Alton Davis granted a request on Monday, allowing rape suspect Charles Robert Starkey to undergo forensic and psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial.

Starkey's court-appointed attorney, Richard Jaskowski, said it will take two or three months to complete the evaluation.

Starkey is accused of sexually assaulting a 47-year old Maple Forest Township woman, then stealing her pickup truck and leading law enforcement officers on a high speed chase down I-75 on the evening of December 8. Starkey gained entry to the woman's home when he asked

to use her telephone and bathroom. The woman reportedly knew Starkey as an acquaintance who performed carpentry services in the area.

The 37-year old Starkey was arraigned in 46th Circuit Trial Court on January 6 charged with armed robbery, criminal sexual conduct (CSC) 1st degree (with a weapon used), fleeing and eluding police - 4th degree, felonious assault with a firearm, possession of a firearm, and unlawful driving away an automobile. He remains lodged in the Crawford County Jail on \$1,000,000 bond.

Starkey faces two life sentences if convicted of the armed robbery and CSC charges.

### Correction

In an article published December 19, 2002 regarding the cancellation of a Commission On Aging (COA) program benefitting senior citizens, Sherry Haag's employer was incorrectly identified. Haag is employed by Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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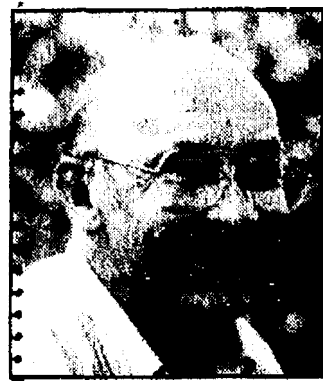
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# New Michigan governor is off to a soaring start

LET US HOPE that Michigan's new Governor Jennifer Granholm made a video of DVD or whatever they do these days to preserve the aura and images of her inaugural activities.

She may want to review it now and again as she grapples with all the problems and uncertainties that face her in the next 48 months as an on-the-job governor.

The whole inaugural shebang created warm and fuzzy feelings about their new governor in the hearts of most Michiganders. If she were running for re-election next week, she'd win in a landslide.

In a nutshell, Jennifer Granholm carried off her inaugural as Michigan's first woman governor in stellar fashion. There was hardly a hitch over

the week or so of festivities.

In my book, her inaugural address was great -- although that opinion is not unanimous.

Thomas Bray, *Detroit News* columnist, didn't like it, for example. He figured the beginning about being Michigan's first woman governor was all right, and the ending was okay, although invoking "my fellow patriots," Mr. Bray wrote, was "a curious note that perhaps reflected her self-consciousness as a foreign-born citizen."

But in between, Mr. Bray claimed, "came what can only be described as a huge pile of philosophical mush."

Well, yeah, I suppose some critics could call it mush, but I'd guess most Michiganders don't agree with Mr. Bray's analysis, other than some down-the-line Republican die hards.

BESIDES, WHAT better time than in an inaugural speech to indulge in philosophical rhetoric?

There's time enough later for hard details of dollars and cents and program starts and cuts. The details can wait. An inaugural is time for sweeping phrases and soaring words about ideals and hopes and challenges.

Jennifer Granholm more than filled the bill. Sample these phrases excerpted from her inaugural address:

"Now as I walk through this door that 44 men have passed through before me over 167 years of this state's history, I must stop and honor all those who made it possible for me to even reach this door....

"Now that the door has been opened, my friends, you must

come in. All of you. Come in to the halls of government. Come in to the living room of democracy....

"Citizenship in a democracy is not a spectator sport, particularly in times as tough as we are in. You heard that song, if you had the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance. Dance with us in government....

"You were drawn here today. Someone rapped upon, tapped upon, whispered at your door. Someone, flesh or spirit, said 'Go, you need to be there this moment, when history is made.' Our history, the story that began with our founding fathers and mothers, beckons to you, right now, and says quite simply, 'You matter.'"

GOVERNOR GRANHOLM also invoked the memory of

President John F. Kennedy, and his plea to citizens to "ask not what the country can do for you....but ask what you can do for your country," which is one of the most frequently quoted phrases of the 20th century.

"If 10 million of us asked what we could do for Michigan," Governor Granholm asked, "what wonders would our reality hold tomorrow?"

Let us hope Governor Jennifer Granholm holds memories of her inauguration week close to her heart, to comfort her when reality returns and political times grow chilly, as they certainly will.

As a Democrat, she must work with a legislature controlled by Republicans 63-47 in the state house, 22-16 in the state senate.

Politically she faces a near impossible task as a new gover-

nor. She must balance a 2003-4 state budget that is \$1.8 billion or so short. She must stare new taxes or cutting state services face to face, and decide which unsavory choice to pursue....or more likely both.

Former Republican State Senator Joe Schwarz, in his losing primary campaign for governor last year, predicted that problems facing the next governor were so severe that he or she would be a one term governor, no matter which candidate finally won.

Will Jennifer Granholm be able to prove Joe Schwarz is a lousy prophet? From what she's shown so far, she may be able to pull it off.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Small business lists priorities for 2003 legislative session

With a new governor and a newly elected Legislature, the 2003 legislative session holds promise for Michigan's small business community.

Top legislative issues for Michigan's small business community include reform of out of control health care costs, continued phase out of the Single Business Tax, repeal of the prevailing wage law, back fair competition in public works bidding, prevent inconsistent local living wage laws, and support of family friendly "comp time" legislation.

"The 2003-04 legislative session will hold many opportunities and challenges for Main Street," said Charles Owens, state director of the 23,000-member Michigan chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). "With the current budget shortfall taking center stage, small business has a vital role in helping lawmakers understand that raising taxes and fees on the economic powerhouse of this state will only exacerbate the situation."

Owens listed several highlights of the small-business legislative agenda for the 2003 session:

**Controlling spiraling health care costs.**

The cost of health care continues to be the No. 1 problem for small business. "Most of the fixes for health care problems reside at the federal level where NFIB is supporting the rights of small business to band together across state lines and form pur-

chasing groups, limit runaway malpractice claims and strengthen medical IRAs," Owens said. "Unfortunately, some in the state Legislature and in the Commissioner of Insurance Office could make matters much worse at the state level with more coverage mandates and new laws that make Blue Cross/Blue Shield the only game in town for small group coverage."

**Reinstate the "Single Business Tax" (SBT) Phase-Out.**

While Public Act 115 of 1999 began the process of repealing the SBT by reducing the rate by 0.1 percent per year starting January 1, 1999, the phase-out was stopped in 2002 due to budget pressures. In the tax year ending 2002, the SBT rate will be 1.9 percent, and it is scheduled to end in 2010. However, without a continued lowering of the rate, it is doubtful that lawmakers will allow a tax that could raise as much as \$3 billion by 2010 to just cease to exist, Owens said. "Small business wants lawmakers to hear loud and clear that they will not support a replacement tax or other measures that would shift the state's business tax burden unfairly onto their shoulders," he said.

**Oppose raising and indexing the minimum wage and unemployment benefits.**

Big business has made it a priority this year to index, or tie, the minimum wage and weekly unemployment benefits to an inflation multiplier. This would

automatically increase the wage and these benefits without legislative oversight, and would cost Michigan small business millions, Owens said.

Support state preemption of local minimum wage laws.

In recent years, many Michigan cities, townships, and counties have created local living wage laws on businesses that do business with their governments or derive a benefit from their services. Small business owners believe that some laws and regulations must be left to the sole authority of the state in order to prevent a patchwork of inconsistent and confusing local laws concerning wage levels, Owens said.

**Support family friendly "comp time" legislation.**

Both federal and state labor laws require employers to pay employees overtime pay at a rate of 1.5 times their base hourly wage if they work more than 40 hours in a work week. Some have proposed that Michigan workers would benefit from changes in labor laws that would allow the option of taking compensatory time instead of overtime pay. For example, rather than accept overtime pay, an employee could opt for time off at a rate of 1.5 hours per hour worked of overtime, Owens explained.

**Other small business legislative priorities:**

- Support personal property tax exemption on the first \$100,000 of business personal property
- Require "Supermajority" vote by the Legislature for any state increases.

- Seek clarification on workers' compensation fraud and disability related issues.
- Monitor "land use planning" schemes that diminish the value of use property.

For more information on NFIB/Michigan's 2003 legislative priorities, contact Charles Owens or Andy Deloncy at (517) 485-3409.

*The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the nation's largest small business advocacy group. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals.*

## COA money is for needed services

To the editor,

Program cuts, along with misleading the public and the Commission on Aging Board, have become the mode of operation for the Senior Center Staff.

To cut the hours of services to homebound seniors when in fact the Director received a \$15,000 raise and thousands of dollars in benefits two years ago, and has now been given a multi-year contract and more (costly) benefits, should have this community at full attention.

There are so few seniors now served... there are so few opportunities for seniors according to the multiple needs to be served by this Commission on Aging, such as transportation assistance, chore assistance, socialization, medication programs, and respite programs for families.

We should not be focusing on fund-raising one more cent at that center. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars for services available and not one minute should be spent on cuts. All of our time should be spent on a plan to service the seniors and their families in this community.

When the millage was passed in Crawford County for the senior programs, it was passed to provide services that are needed and not to be saved. Because we have planned poorly and not served efficiently, we should stop bragging about

saving money for some rainy day.

There have been (adult) daycare funds available from the Region 9 Agency on Aging for several years. We do not have the capability to provide this program. We can not even write for the grant. Just more talk. We do not have the staff with the training to run this program from the director to the personal caregiver.

We have made no effort to acquire this knowledge including even visiting one daycare center in the region. We have the best in the state in Gaylord and have never once been there to observe or to learn from their experience. We do not have the space to accommodate these individuals who so need our assistance and so do their families. We need this program. It will never happen with the present staff.

We have a Director who does not write her own information to the public. The information given to the Board is never factual or clear and many times, downright misleading. The project approved for Mercy Health Care at Home is a good example. The project was approved by the Commission on Aging Board for the unit dollar amount with the ability to re-up if the services were needed and the Commission could continue to afford them.

What the public was never told, and perhaps the Board either, is that many new refer-

rals came to the commission through this program. We should continue this program on the facts.

The ability to work with the Commission on Aging budget is one of the main requirements for the present Director's position. That includes planning for the future and adjusting the present. It is also the director's responsibilities to supervise the work of the bookkeeper. The blame game has got to stop.

Director (Nova) Anderson has to take some responsibility for stopping the Mercy Health Care contract and the needed services because she did not care enough to understand the facts and she must stop making recommendations that are misleading to the Board and the public.

Maybe a good recommendation would be a planning committee to project the service needs of the senior citizens in the future with members of community non-profit agencies participating.

We hear many rumors about being \$46,000 over budget. Setting here in Frederic, even I can figure out where the money is.

Fair warning: The seniors need and deserve better. Fair warning: I and a few of my good friends will be 60 years old soon.

Barbara A. Selesky  
Frederic

## Former COA employee still wants to help

To the editor,

On Friday morning, January 3, I was fired by Nova Anderson, Director, from my job at the (Crawford County Commission on Aging) Senior Citizen Center after having been there for almost 17 years.

The very next day, I received a telephone call from one of my (former) clients from the Center, an 87-year old lady with whom I had been helping with her letter writing and bills, etc. and, above all, being a friend.

She seemed to be in a very crucial state of mind because of the season and her family members having gone back home, and all that entails. She was very shaky and seemed depressed, alone and afraid she might do something stupid to end it all.

She called me at home because she needed to talk to someone she could trust.

I was able to calm her down and make things more hopeful for her. I told her I would be there for her anytime and would

continue to help her through trying times, even though I was not employed at the Center any longer.

That has been my mission for all of these years, and since it can't be through working at the Center, I will continue to help on my own.

Remember, call Jan at 348-7445.

Jan Farley  
Grayling

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# BRIEFS

## Homebuyers class corrects number

The telephone number to register for homebuyers classes through the Northern Homes Community Development Corporation has been corrected. It is (989) 705-3018. The program can assist homebuyers with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase education and maintenance training. Classes will be offered in Otsego County through the Gaylord Adult & Continuing Education program beginning in February. Additional classes for the other counties served will be announced at a future date. For additional information, contact Alice Yeoman, toll-free, at 1-866-637-1834. Northern Homes CDC is an independently run non-profit organization created to address the growing needs for affordable housing in northern Michigan. It currently serves Crawford, Otsego, Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

## There's still time to get a flu shot

Anyone who has not received a flu shot should know it is not too late to get one this season. The Crawford County office of District Health Department #10, on Meadows Drive in Grayling, still has supplies of both flu and pneumococcal vaccines. Anyone interested in getting one or both of these vaccines should call the Health Department at 348-7800.

## Skyline hosts Wertz Warriors event

Despite the current lack of snow, the Rosco Higgins Trail Cruisers are plowing ahead with their charity event on Saturday, January 11. This year the event is a ride-in to Skyline Ski and Country Club, supporting Wertz Warriors' efforts to raise money to benefit Special Olympics. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the event will be a "drive in," otherwise a ride in. There is no charge for the ride in. A bonfire and other activities are planned and food will be available. Donations are highly encouraged to help Special Olympics. To get there by snowmobile, take the Skyline Trail toward Roscommon, watch for markers on the trail for this event. If traveling by car, take Skyline Road off of Old 27 south of Grayling (take the Four Mile Road exit from I-75). The full day of events begins at 11 a.m. and continues into the evening. For more information, call Jerry or Vivian Balmes at (989) 275-5445.

## 4-H youth archery classes to begin

Youth ages eight and above learn the exciting sport of archery by certified instructors from the Bears Bowman Archery Club, under the direction of Bill Weaver. Archery classes will start on Monday, January 13, on Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. with advanced classes at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

To begin, youth must be eight or above by the date of the first class. For advanced class, youth must have received a 4-H Certificate of Completion of beginners class.

The classes will run weekly for eight weeks. The cost for the eight week session is \$16.00 per child. Equipment will be provided. Advanced classes may bring their own equipment.

Classes will be held indoors at the Bears Bowman Archery Club at Hanson Hills.

Register now at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. Registration is limited so enroll now. For more information you may call the 4-H Office at 344-3264.

Income related scholarships are available.

## Steel Pan Band to perform in Mancelona

"Music of the Caribbean" will be performed by Sun Radius Steel Pan Band this week in Mancelona.

The concert, sponsored by Concord Academy Antrim (CAA) and Pathways Arts Council (PACK), will be held Friday, January 10 at Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium, 5055 Corey Road, in Mancelona.

Music from the Caribbean Islands and Latin America will be combined with pop tunes performed on steel pan drums.

The event is funded in part by an Arts and Culture grant from

the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and is the first in a series of events to be presented for the public. Future programs include a February Valentines Swing Concert, Community Theatre stage production, and performance by Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets for "Music of the Caribbean" will be available at the door for \$5 (adults) and \$3 (children and seniors). For more information, or to reserve tickets, call Pathways Arts Council at (231) 258-2979 or Concord Academy Antrim at (231) 584-2080.

## Support group forming for victims of sexual violence

For victims of sexual violence, counseling is one avenue of healing the past. Counseling services have regularly been available through River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services.

To complement the counseling services, a support group for women who have been victims of sexual violence will begin January 21.

One woman who is thinking about participating in the support group said she looks on the group as an opportunity for rebirth and a new beginning. In her words, "It is a chance to do away with the old and put it in its place. Given this hope, the new

year is an excellent time to begin the group."

The 10 weekly group sessions will be offered in Grayling, with the first two weeks open for people to join. After the second meeting, the group will be closed to new participants. "A closed group creates a safer environment for participants," explained Maria Klosowski, RSM, co-facilitator of the group.

For more information about the support group for victims of sexual violence or to register to participate, call River House Shelter at 348-3169 or toll-free at 1-888-554-3169. Ask for Kathy or Maria. Prior registration is required.

## Fisherman donates book collection

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library received a huge boost to its George Griffith and Marion Wright Memorial Collection.

Dr. Homer Smathers, of West Bloomfield, brought a small convoy to the library carrying his entire collection of trout books. Both his car and that of one of his sons were full of boxes.

"It will take us quite some time to catalog and process all of these wonderful books," said Library Director Edward Elsner.

A very energetic 86 years old, Dr. Smathers has been collecting trout fishing and fly-tying books for over 40 years. He has fished for trout across the United States, with fond memories of Yellowstone and the Orvis streams of Vermont.

His connection to the Grayling area? Dr. Smathers helped train Dr. Ramaswamy, a member of the Mercy Hospital medical staff.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to share his collection



Dr. Homer Smathers recently donated an entire collection of books about trout to the local library.

tion with the world," Elsner said.

## Parents invited to learn about state education savings plan

Michigan Education Trust (MET) will conduct presentations at elementary schools throughout the state during the 2002-03 academic year. MET's next enrollment period is January 2 through August 30.

A presentation will be held at Grayling Middle School on Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. and again at 7:25 p.m. to discuss detailed information about the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP).

The presentations allow parents, grandparents, guardians, teachers, civic organizations and other interested individuals an opportunity to obtain information on saving for future college education.

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dren to attend college in the future. With an MESP account, owners can save for the entire cost of higher education. MET and MESP are both Section 529 programs and provide tax incentives, flexibility and portability.

MET and MESP information is available on-line at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) (click on Education) or by calling the MET office at 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-1543) or the MESP office at 1-877-861-MESP (1-877-861-6377).

Please note: Presentations may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Call the MET office for cancellation information.

## Literacy program needs volunteers

A volunteer initiative in partnership with the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and the Crawford AuSable School District will soon be offering adults in Crawford County a library-based adult literacy program.

Anyone interested in working with an adult whose goal may be the ability to read a child a story or to read the notes that come home from school, now is the time to volunteer and become a trained tutor for The Community Reads Program.

Tutor training for this one-on-one library-based program will be held Saturday, January 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Lunch will be provided.

To register, call the library at 348-9214.

## Free seminar to discuss small business retirement planning

The public is invited to attend a free seminar, hosted by investment representative Kurt Loll of the financial services firm, Edward Jones.

The seminar, titled, "Small Business Retirement Planning," will begin at 7 p.m. on January 14 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Reagan's Faith in God

Reagan's War, The Epic Story of His Forty-Year Struggle and Final Triumph Over Communism as written by Peter Schweizer gives brilliant insight into former President Ronald Reagan's life. I plan a series of topical reviews from this 339 page book with the intent of highlighting his greatness. We will start with Reagan's strong faith in God, which I believe was the real source of Reagan's wisdom and courage.

As Schweizer said, "Reagan came to believe that his life had been spared by God for a divine purpose: defeating communism." Reagan, like Abraham Lincoln before him, believed in the hope, "That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom." He believed as early as 1952 that America was a nation with a divine purpose founded by a divine plan to be "the last best hope of man on earth."

When Reagan was sworn in as President his left hand was resting on his mother's Bible. He had the God's Word opened to 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Reagan said back in 1964 that "The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets, but a test of wills and ideas, a trial of spiritual resolve." As Reagan said in 1974,

"I've always believed that we were, each of us, put here for a reason, that there is a plan, a divine plan for all of us."

When Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr, he believed his life was spared by "miraculous factors." After leaving the hospital he wrote, "Whatever happens now I owe my life to God and will try to serve him every way I can." He believed he was spared for a reason because there was something the Lord wanted him to accomplish, Reagan said, "And I have decided that whatever time I have left is left for Him." Reagan found his Faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior to be more important than life itself.

Reagan believed that communism was abhorrent to God because it denied God. Reagan believed that a child was taught under communism "from the beginning of his life that it is a human being whose only importance is its contribution to the state, that they are wards of the state, that they exist only for that purpose, and that there is no God, they are just an accident of nature. The result is they have no respect for human life, for the dignity of an individual the Communist party has substituted Karl Marx for God." Reagan believed communism had to be defeated as the great false God of the twentieth century. Reagan believed religion would turn out to be the Soviets, Achilles' heel. Godless atheism was the real enemy.

Years later Reagan read words crudely spray-painted on the wall near the Reichstag in East Germany, "This wall will fall, Beliefs become reality." Reagan later said, "Yes, across Europe, this wall will fall. For it cannot withstand faith. It cannot withstand truth. The wall cannot withstand freedom." Later, at the gate itself, Reagan spoke those famous words, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." Reagan knew that faith in God is our ultimate source of freedom. Reagan's God defeated Communism. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## Nurses now trained to provide holistic care to church members

Six northern Michigan nurses have recently completed the Parish Nurse Preparation Course through the University of Detroit Mercy and Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Janet Wander, Michele Morey, Eleanor Smith, Joyce MacDonald, Roberta Lukins, and Rhonda Haske each attended 36 hours of class time that included participation in activities and lectures on the roles of a

Parish Nurse, spiritual care, health promotion, loss and grief, grant writing, and ethics.

Rhonda Haske is a Parish Nurse at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

The others are serving churches of varying denominations in the communities of Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau, Traverse City and Bellaire.

These six nurses join the

increasing group of nurses committed to providing holistic care to members of the parish or congregation.

A Parish Nurse serves as a minister of health within the context of the local faith community, giving witness to the healing ministry of Jesus.

For more information on the Parish Nurse Preparation Course, call Mercy Hospital Grayling at (989) 348-0403.



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Nurses celebrate their recent completion of the Parish Nurse Preparation Course through the University of Detroit Mercy and Mercy Hospital Grayling.

## How Far Will You Go?

"Above all, challenge yourself. You may well surprise yourself at what strength you have, what you can accomplish."  
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In the dictionary the word "success" is listed as a noun. However, is it possible that true success can be viewed as an ongoing journey, perhaps more aptly a verb? If so, what is the route and where do we find our direction? What about the detours? Through trial and error...mostly error...it is found that if you continue to follow the route numbers you are given, the detours won't deter you from reaching your destination. Don't take another road because you doubt your direction; you will get lost every time.

We read in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Your faith in God will increase your strength and your confidence. It will give you the courage to continually challenge yourself on the road to success. How far will you go in life? Begin by worshipping at your local church or synagogue this week, for you will go as far as your faith will take you.

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# IRS web site expands for 2002 filings

► Taxpayers will find new features, options and more services at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

Michigan taxpayers will find new web site features, expanded free e-filing options and more helpful services as the Internal Revenue Service opens the 2003 tax filing season. Taxpayers also will see reduced tax rates, more deductions and fewer forms to file.

Last week, nearly 1.4 million tax packages and 920,000 electronic-filing brochures began arriving in Michigan mailboxes. The IRS estimates about 4.6 million individual returns will be filed in Michigan this year. The mailing of tax packages has traditionally kicked off the filing season, but millions of taxpayers each year abandon paper returns in favor of going electronic.

Taxpayers will be provided with more options than ever with expanded online assistance at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov). Key changes being introduced for the 2003 tax filing season include:

- Taxpayers can check on the status of their refund by visiting the "Where's My Refund?" section on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

- For the first time, more than 60 percent of all taxpayers will be able to prepare and electronically file tax returns for free on the Internet. The IRS Free File program, offered through private-sector partners, will be available beginning in mid-January through [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

"The IRS makes history this year with new electronic services for taxpayers. We want to make it easier than ever for taxpayers to get help, and [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) does just that," said IRS Michigan spokesperson, Sarah Wreford. "People can use the web site to answer many of their tax questions. They can use [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to find options for free e-filing programs. And taxpayers can use the web site to determine whether their refunds are on the way."

The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 2002 instructions for Form 1040, which many Michiganders received in the mail last week, contains a partial listing of helpful publications that can be viewed on-line or ordered by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM. The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site also contains plain language explanations for many tax issues. Publication 17 "Your Federal Income Tax," also is a plain-language guide for individuals and can be viewed online.

"The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site already is one of the busiest in the world. We urge taxpayers to give it a try this year. They will find it helpful and easy to use," Wreford said. "We're trying to provide taxpayers with as many options as possible to get help when they need it and [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) is

ready with the click of a mouse."

Another new [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) feature is "Where's My Refund?" which will be highlighted on the home page. Taxpayers can easily check the status of their refunds by using a little information found on their tax return:

- Taxpayer's name (on a joint return, the first listed);
- Social Security Number (on a joint return, the first listed);
- Filing status (single, head of household, married filing jointly, married filing separately, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child);
- Refund amount claimed.

With just a little information, taxpayers can use [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to track their refund status. "Where's My Refund?" also can tell taxpayers if the IRS has received their tax return. It can let them know if there is a problem and how to resolve the problem. For those who do not use direct deposit, the "Where's My Refund?" feature can also tell taxpayers if the IRS was unable to deliver their refund through the mail.

"Taxpayers can instantly answer the question that most concerns them: Where's my refund?" Wreford said. "The feature will tell taxpayers if the check is on its way. It will tell them when the refund was deposited or mailed. And it will tell them if a mistake is being corrected."

In addition to "Where's My Refund?" on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), there is also a toll-free refund hotline at 1-800-829-1954. Taxpayers will need the same information as for the web site to find out the status of their refund.

In another landmark step, an agreement between the IRS and a consortium of participating tax software companies will allow more than 60 percent of Americans to be eligible for free tax preparation and electronic filing. More information on who will qualify for Free File will be announced later this month. The program, which will be featured on the front page of [irs.gov](http://irs.gov), promises new avenues to easy electronic filing for millions of Americans.

IRS e-file already receives raves. The American Customer Satisfaction Index survey of electronic filers found a satisfaction score of 78 out of 100. That's a better score than many private companies receive and one of the highest in the federal government.

Last year, a record 47 million tax returns were filed through IRS e-file (1.4 million in Michigan). E-filed returns, when combined with direct deposit, can mean refunds within 10 days. Refunds from paper-filed returns can take up to six weeks.

"We started IRS e-file in 1986, but in recent years there's been a phenomenal growth in electronic filing. Millions of people recognize its convenience and security," Wreford said.

Other 2002 tax year highlights for taxpayers include:

- Reduced tax rates. Most tax rates have decreased and a new 10 percent tax rate applies to all filers.

- Schedule B. Most taxpayers won't have to file a separate Schedule B unless either their interest or dividend income exceeds \$1,500. The change means 15 million taxpayers will have one less form to fill out. Previously, taxpayers had to complete a Schedule B if they have more than \$400 in either taxable interest or dividends.

- Tax deduction for teachers. Educators may deduct up to \$250 in out-of-pocket expenses they paid for classroom supplies.

- More working families may qualify for the Earned Income Credit as a new law excludes nontaxable income such as supplemental military pay for housing or combat from the credit computation.

- Deduction for tuition and fees. Taxpayers may be able to deduct up to \$3,000 of qualified tuition and fees paid in 2002 for higher education for themselves, their spouses or dependents.

- Retirement Savings Credit. Taxpayers who meet certain income guidelines may be able to take a credit of up to \$1,000 for qualified retirement savings contributions.

In addition, the personal exemption increases to \$3,000. For those taxpayers who do not itemize, the standard deduction increases to \$4,700 for single, \$6,900 for head of household, and \$7,850 for married filing jointly. Also, the maximum Individual Retirement Arrangement contribution increased to \$3,000 for the 2002 tax year (\$3,500 for taxpayers 50 and over in 2002).

The [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) web site is also a good source to explore the tax changes in effect for the 2002 tax year. The Newsroom sec-

tion contains many news releases and fact sheets on recent changes. Publication 553, "Highlights of 2002 Tax Changes," will provide detail on tax law changes of interest to individuals and businesses.

The IRS is also introducing some new toll-free telephone numbers this year to expand customer service to individuals and businesses.

Small businesses, corporations, partnerships and trusts that need help or information related to business returns can call:

1-800-829-4933. Individuals needing tax help can call 1-800-829-1040 to speak to a customer service representative or arrange a visit at a Taxpayer Assistance Center.

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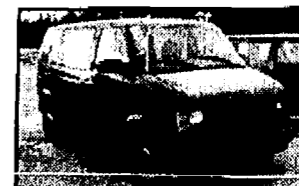
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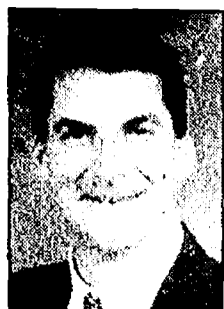
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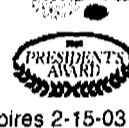
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## Gingerich, Ferguson engaged



Nicole M. Gingerich and Thomas G. Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gingerich of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Mr. Thomas George Ferguson, Jr. (Kip) Mr. Ferguson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ferguson of National City.

Dr. Gingerich is an audiologist, currently at Valley ENT Associates, PC in Saginaw. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moshier of Grayling and the late Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Gingerich of Tawas

City. Mr. Ferguson is currently the Vice President of Entrecon, Inc. in East Tawas and is a software trainer and website developer. He is the grandson of Mr. Norman Schuster and the late Mrs. Glade Schuster of National City and Mrs. Arlene Ferguson and the late Mr. Thomas Ferguson, formerly of Bay City.

The wedding will take place in February 2003 at Garland Resort in Lewiston.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 8 - 14 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard on the following date: January 14.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post

Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

The firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

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## OBITUARIES

**Carolyn Mary Murphy**  
Feb. 29, 1932 - Jan. 5, 2003

Carolyn Mary Murphy, age 70, of Grayling, died on January 5 at Tendercare Nursing Home, Gaylord.

Born on February 29, 1932 in Mt. Clemens, she was the daughter of Fred and Lucille Ann (Trombley) Dittrich.

Carolyn was a member of the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

On November 15, 1949, Carolyn married Joseph Murphy in Frederic, who preceded her in death on January 4, 2002. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Lucille Dittrich.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda (Bernard) Bentley of Frederic; one son, Michael Murphy of Mancelona; two grandchildren, Lori (Craig) Reimer of Hale, David (Lisa) Bentley of Vanderbilt; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gerald (Lou) Dittrich of Williamsburg and Thomas (Rita) Dittrich of Lake Leelanau.

No services will be held.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

**Leesa Kay Patterson**  
December 15, 2002

Leesa Kay Patterson, age 44, of Grayling, died on December 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

Leesa was employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Grayling Nursing Center.

She was preceded in death by her father, William A. Goucher who died in 1997; and preceded her brother David M. Goucher who died on December 23, 2002.

Surviving is her mother, Janet K. Goucher of Grayling; brother, Terry (Phillis) Goucher of White Lake; five daughters, Autumn Patterson, Felecia Patterson, Patricia Patterson, Khrystal Patterson, Megan Patterson; and special friend, Edward Phillips.

She was a loving mother and daughter and will be missed by all who knew her.

### Card of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to everyone for his or her support and sympathy for Cindy Calkins (LaMotte). Thank you to the nurses at Grayling Mercy Hospital, they were wonderful to Cindy and our family. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Community of Christ and for all the helpers that put the dinner together after the funeral. The flowers and plants that were received were all so beautiful.

Cindy fought a tremendous battle that she won because she never gave up no matter how hard it got. It was so nice to see that her life had touched so many others. She had so much support from her family and friends. The outreach from the community was and still is amazing. To those who have prayed for Cindy and our family, thank you.

Tim Calkins  
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**Myrna R. Pike**  
December 19, 2002

Myrna R. Pike, age 74, of Grayling, formerly of Grand Rapids, died on December 19, after a long, courageous battle with illness.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gordon Lachmann.

Surviving is her husband of 54 years, Hilmar; children, Deborah (Jack) Folkema, Sheryl (Harry) Shade, Ross Pike and Rhonda (Brian) Dunham; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving are her siblings, Doris Lachmann, Kenneth (Wilma) Lachmann, Wilma (Bernard) Bennink, Marcia (Daniel) French, and Paul (Beth) Lachmann; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Funeral services were held on December 23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Jenison. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park.

**Lewis Konvicka**  
December 30, 2002

Lewis Konvicka, age 93, of Roscommon died December 30.

Services were held at Sorenson Funeral Home on January 2.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

**Dallis "Mike" "Dally" McGillis**

July 22, 1931 - Jan. 2, 2003

Dallis "Dally" McGillis, age 71, of South Branch Township died January 2.

Services were held at Walsh Funeral Home on January 5.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

**Shirley Mary Zimmerman**

December 30, 2002

Shirley Mary Zimmerman, age 70, of Luzerne died December 30. No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Roy Louis Lovely would like to express their sincere gratitude for all of the floral and memorial offerings, as well as the prayers and support for our beloved father, (grandfather, great-grandfather). Thank you to Reverend Robert Nalley of St. Mary's Catholic Church for the wake service and mass. Thank you to the St. Mary's Ladies Guild for providing the luncheon. Thank you, also, to the Crawford County Sheriff Department Honor Guard for the ceremony honoring our father. Thank you to Art Thayer for the military service and presenting the flag to Mom (grandma, great-grandma Lovely). Thank you to the International Chemical Workers Union Local 799 for the beautiful Bible.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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9 - Chicken Stir Fry/Baked Ham; BP's taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Education Classes resume at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

10 - Sweet and Sour Pork/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

11 - Foot Clinic by appointment.

13 - Home Pride Steak/Liver and Onions; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

14 - Chicken Chop, Suet/Meatballs; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Cardo at 5:30 p.m. and Housing Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

15 - Beef Tips Noodles/Italian Pork Roast; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon and Craft Class at 1 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: Promises may get friends but it's performance that keeps them.

# Local car dealership under new ownership

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Ford dealership located on Business Loop I-75 in Grayling changed hands December 2, when Scott McNamara, who already has Ford dealerships in Gladwin and Roscommon, became the new owner.

Mike Duffy, who recently retired from the offices of Ford Motor Company, where he worked with dealerships, is the new general manager. He said when he knew McNamara was going to purchase the Grayling dealership, he wanted to work with him. Duffy said McNamara has won the highest award given by Ford to dealers for his work to achieve customer satisfaction. McNamara's goal is 100% customer satisfaction.

Duffy says he plans to be in the office every day and has been working to get ready for the upcoming spring season when car sales usually increase.

Duffy has also been working on employee morale which he says has increased since the change in management. Duffy said when the employees are happy, it gets reflected in the

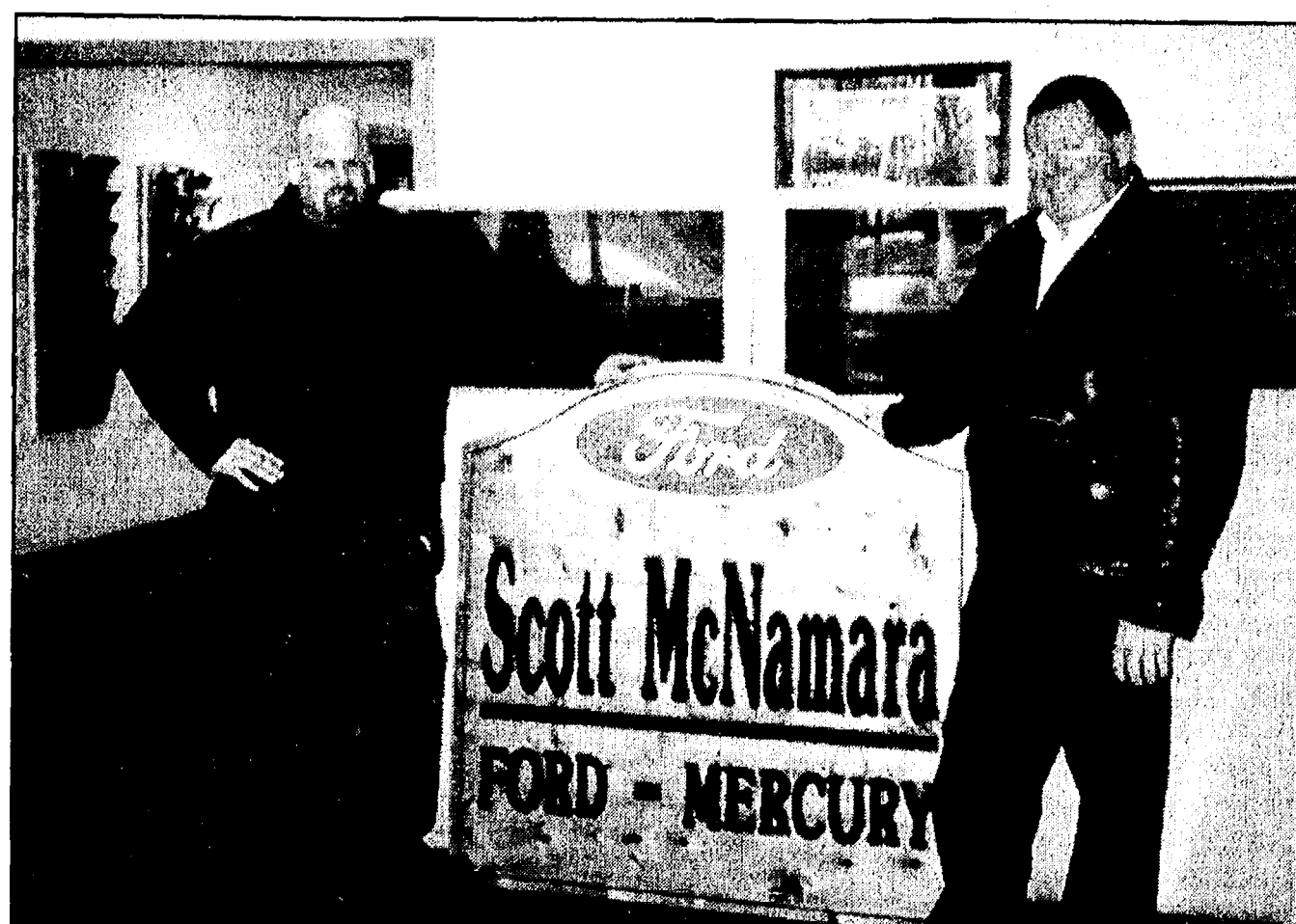


Photo by Susan Warrington

Sales Manager Len Mahaffy and General Manager Mike Duffy are ready to help customers at the new Scott McNamara dealership in Grayling.

work they do with customers. This, in turn, leads to increased customer satisfaction.

Helping Duffy is the new Sales Manager Len Mahaffy who was

promoted from the Roscommon dealership. Mahaffy, a Grayling native, is working on the grand opening to be held in March.

One advantage the change in

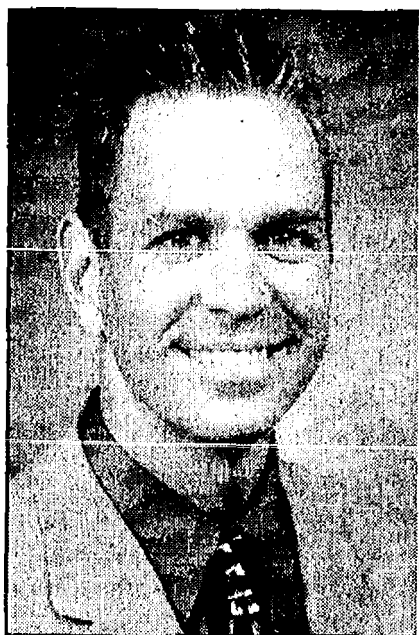
dealership has given local customers is the option to have the vehicle they purchased at the Roscommon dealership serviced locally.

## Specialist joins Mercy staff

Brian J. Gedeon, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in Internal Medicine.

A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Gedeon completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Dr. Gedeon will practice at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville and is accepting new patients. His office may be reached at (989) 366-2900.



Brian J. Gedeon, MD

## Local Mensa chapter offers membership admission testing

Northern Michigan Mensa, local chapter of Mensa, the High IQ Society, will offer the Mensa Admissions Tests in Traverse City on January 25. Approximately one in 50 Americans qualifies for admission, potentially 10,000 northern Michigan residents.

Mensa is growing rapidly in northern Michigan. The local group has over 75 members in an area from Ludington northward to Sault Ste. Marie. Members range in age from the teens into retirement, and have a wide variety of professions and interests.

Activities are scheduled each month in Traverse City and occasionally in other areas with clusters of members.

Mensa membership is available to all who score at or above 98% of the general population on a Mensa Admissions Test or a number of other standardized intelligence tests.

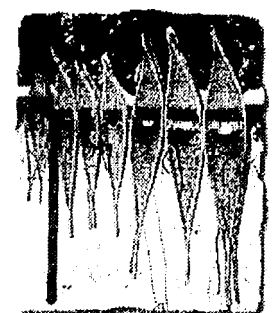
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## Trailer sales lot moves to new location



Photo by Susan Warrington

Manager Ken Stoddard shows off one of the many trailers on the lot at the new location for USA Trailer Sales.

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

USA Trailers, which has been in the Grayling area for approximately five years, recently moved to a different location - at the junction of M-93 and M-72 just west of town.

Manager Ken Stoddard said it is a much better and more visible location. He said they've had several people come into their store and comment that they thought the business had just started up in this area, because they had not noticed it in the old location.

Stoddard said the move was instigated by the crowded conditions at the old location. He said it became so packed it was hard to do an inventory.

Now that they have more room, they plan to have a greater variety of trailers and add snow plows and truck accessories to the list of products they handle.

Stoddard said the new facilities also allow them to give faster service in their expanded service area.

This is the northernmost location of the five USA trailer sales in the state, so many of their customers come from throughout northern Michigan.

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The Lansing-based group offers a repertoire of attention-getting tunes from sentimental favorites to popular rock-n-roll, spanning the 1930s through the 1990s, performed entirely without instrumental accompaniment. With their vocal sound effects -- a virtual orchestra which includes guitars, drums, maracas and even bagpipes -- audience members have been known to come backstage after a concert to see where they hid the instrumentalists.

The Grayling performance of Three Men and a Tenor is scheduled for January 21 in the Evergreen Room at the Holiday Inn. (Current season ticket holders please note the date change from that printed on your tickets.) It is second in the Command Performance Series



Three Men and a Tenor

and includes dinner.

Entree choices are Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib, served with mashed potatoes, vegetable, house salad, rolls, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the show to follow.

Tickets are priced at \$27.50

each and includes tax and tip. They may be purchased at the Crawford AuSable School Administrative Office, 403 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

This Three Men and a Tenor dinner show is brought to Grayling through the efforts of the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program and is funded in part by

a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, and by a partnership with local businesses and individuals.

For more information on this event or any of the other cultural events offered as part of the 2002-2003 Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program, call 348-7146.

## Remodeling completed at local restaurant

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Wendy's is having a grand reopening celebration January 13 - 17 to celebrate the end of their nearly year long spruce-up project.

It began last year with an overhaul of the kitchen, followed by work on the outside of the building.

Recently the only way to eat at Wendy's was to use their "drive-thru" window because the inside was under construction. The dining room is now reopened with new furniture and a new rug. In addition, the seating area has

been rearranged so customers in line to be served and those picking up condiments and napkins are not near the dining area.

According to Bob Wright who operates the Wendy's in Grayling, Gaylord, and West Branch there will be different specials each day of the grand opening week. At the end of the week there will be a grand prize drawing.

Wright also said he liked being involved in the community drive to help seniors get cell phones for emergency use and looks forward to becoming more involved in community events in the future.



Wendy's manager Bob Wright presents the newly remodeled dining room at his Grayling restaurant.

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## Health care system reviews challenging year

Following a fiscal year that was economically challenging for health care providers across the nation, Munson Healthcare is asking for continued support from the communities it serves.

That was one of the messages presented during the 2002 Munson Healthcare annual meeting of the Corporate Membership held recently at Dennis Museum in Traverse City.

"Our health care system, even though it is one of the most efficient and highly rated in terms of its finances compared to hospitals in the state of Michigan, still does not generate enough money from operations alone and certainly not from investments in the last three years, to continue to invest in the technology, drugs, and infrastructure that will be necessary to serve us in the future," said Jim Dutmers, Jr., Chair of the Munson Healthcare Board of Directors. "The request

for capital needs is substantially larger than our net profit."

Accordingly, Dutmers indicated that support of friends and neighbors, through their donated dollars, has been, and will continue to be, a critical ingredient to Munson's future success in serving its communities.

In addition to Dutmers, reports were made by John Rockwood, President and CEO of Munson Healthcare; Ralph Cerny, President and CEO of Munson Medical Center and Hospitals; and Ed Carlson, Chief Financial Officer.

There was also an educational session on "Physician Relationships and the Challenges of Patient Referrals in Northern

Michigan," by Grayling physician Douglas Slater, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at Mercy Hospital Grayling and David McGreaham, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs at Munson Medical Center.

Munson Medical Center and Hospital's Trustee Greta Wilcox was presented a plaque in recognition of her many years of service to Munson Healthcare.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, Munson Healthcare reported 25,083 admissions, an increase of 9.5 percent over the previous year, while outpatient registrations rose 6 percent to a total of 634,221 outpatients.

Munson Healthcare provided \$18.9 million in free services,

including \$11.5 million in Medicare and Medicaid that was not reimbursed, \$3.9 million in direct write-offs of patient bills, and \$3.5 million in community service.

Munson Healthcare reported operating income of \$7.9 million, but investment income suffered a loss of \$7.1 million.

Officers of the Munson Healthcare board are Chair Jim Dutmers, Vice Chair Susan Bondy, Treasurer Jerry A. Carlson, and Secretary John P. Snedeker. Reappointments and new members to serve through 2005 include Robert C. Foster, Donald L. Fraser, D.O., Thomas Gartland, David H. Ripper, M.D. and Terry C. Rogers.

## This is School Board Recognition Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month -- a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

The theme of this year's celebration, "They're Counting on You: Leadership for Learning," reflects the combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that all children succeed, said C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District (ISD) Superintendent Robert Jones.

In the COOR ISD area (Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Counties), school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational issues which impact the entire community, Jones said. "They bear responsibility for annual

budgets, students, employees and school buildings. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy -- volunteer public service, and preserve the core of our democratic land -- public education."

Jones invites everyone to recognize and celebrate the work of school trustees. "Invite them out for coffee," Jones suggested. "Ask how you might help support your local neighborhood schools. Invite the community to write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for

kids in your district."

Jones said he would like to recognize the following people:

- Crawford AuSable School Board - Karl Schreiner, Marilyn Rosi, Carol Ramaswamy, John Pilon, Melvin Nunn, Gary Pettyjohn and James Tobin.

- The COOR ISD Board of Education - Robert Carpenter (Mio), Roderick Martin (Houghton Lake), Bernadine Dosch (Grayling), William Langendorfer (West Branch), Larry Roggow (Mio), Nancy Persing (Grayling), Lois Byrd (Roscommon).

## Local grad named finalist for Winter Carnival Queen



**Crystal Pilon**

Grayling High School alumna, Crystal Pilon, has been named a

finalist for the 2003 Winter Carnival Queens Competition at Michigan Tech University in Houghton.

She is sponsored by her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Applicants were required to undergo a preliminary interview process in order to become one of the eight finalists who will go on to compete in the "Queens" Coronation on Saturday, February 8.

Finalists will be judged on grade point average, talent presentation, formal interviews and stage presence. For the talent portion of the competition, Crystal will be performing a comedic interpretation of "Fractured Fairy Tales" from the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons.

Crystal is the daughter of Jack and Ruth Pilon of Grayling.

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### Women's Standings

Swamp	120
Sawmill II	102
Gray Rock	97
Plaza	96
American Legion	93
Frederic Inn	92
Spike's	91
Sawmill I	77
5 Ball Runs: Denise (Gray Rock), Dee (Gray Rock), Annette (Swamp), Jill (Plaza), Cookie (American Legion) 2, Patsey (Sawmill II).	
6 Ball Runs: Cindy (Sawmill II), Siss (Frederic Inn).	

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# 83RD DISTRICT COURT

## Sentencings for December, 2002

### Hon. Dennis Murphy

David Eric Lepsy, age 43 of Grayling - License plates expired; \$75 fines/costs.

### Hon. John G. Hunter

James Allen Martz Jr., age 22 of Warren - Operate without security and license plates expired; \$385 fines/costs or 38 days in jail.

Julie Ann Ryther, age 42 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$660 fines/costs or 66 days in jail.

Julie Ann Ryther, age 42 of Grayling - Careless driving; \$135 fines/costs.

Robert Lewis Harris, age 30 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail, 50 days in jail with credit for 50 days served.

Terry Kay Reno, age 44 of Harrison - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$710 fines/costs or 71 days in jail, placed on 31 days probation.

Amy Marie Hart, age 30 of Roscommon - Controlled substance - possession of marijuana; \$1,599 fines/costs or 160 days in jail, 45 days in jail, placed on 545 days probation.

Brian Ray Owen, age 43 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,149 fines/costs or 115 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Michael Brandon Trosper, age 17 of Johannesburg - Assault/assault and battery; 93 days in jail, with credit for 27 days served.

Raymond Vern MacLeod Jr., age 18 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; \$359 fines/costs and \$420.26 restitution or 140 days in jail, 90 days

in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Raymond Vern MacLeod Jr., age 18 of Grayling - Malicious destruction of personal property less than \$200; \$1,029 fines/costs or 140 days in jail, 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Brooke Obrion Hawkins, age 32 of Sullivan Island - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Brian Keith Rathbun, age 31 of Frederic - Impaired driving; \$430 fines/costs.

Timothy Lee Gabriel, age 47 of Frederic - Impaired driving; \$420 fines/costs or 42 days in jail.

Jefferey Alan Scott, age 20 of Gaylord - Minor in possession/transport in motor vehicle and impaired driving; \$999 fines/costs or 93 days in jail.

Maurice Spencer Tuck, age 75 of Frederic - Improper lane use; \$80 fines/costs.

Daniel Michael Wormsbacher, age 25 of Grayling - Controlled substance - sell prescription drugs; \$560 fines/costs or 60 days in jail.

Laurel Elaine Jenson, age 45 of Grayling - Operate without security; \$310 fines/costs or 31 days in jail.

Adam Paul Barclay, age 18 of Grayling - Breaking and entering illegal without owner's permission; \$210 fines/costs.

Richard Howard Wilburn, age 21, no residency - Breaking and entering illegal without owner's permission; 30 days in jail.

Victor Alan Novakowski, age 41 of Bristow - Drove while license suspended/revoked; \$160 fines/costs.

Frank Paul Gambino, age 51 of Eastpointe - Recreational trespass violation; \$260 fines/costs and \$1,000 restitution.

Ronnie G. Dauzat, age 28 of Brimley - Non-sufficient fund check over \$100 - less than \$500; \$260 fines/costs and \$63.59 restitution or 32 days in jail.

Ronnie G. Dauzat, age 28 of Brimley - Non-sufficient fund check over \$100 - less than \$500; \$260 fines/costs and \$137.99 restitution or 39 days in jail.

### Attorney Magistrate Julie Delaney

Lawrence Daniel Kneff II, age 25 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Christopher Scott Malone, age 18 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate and failed to change address; \$235 fines/costs or 23 days in jail.

Joseph Brian Armstrong, age 23 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Janise Lee Dedafae, age 21 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Charles Nicholas Stewart Jr., age 23 of Warren - Snowmobile operator - suspended/revoked/denied and failure to apply for new snowmobile registration; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

### Magistrate Jean Callewaert

Joshua Michael Meatte, age 23 of Roseville - Illegal taking of a deer/bear/turkey; \$420 fines/costs, and \$500 restitution or 90 days in jail, five days in jail with credit for one day served.

## Buying a car even with bad credit

For people with a history of credit mistakes, buying a car can be a time-consuming and stressful event, but it doesn't have to be. "The fact of the matter is car dealers want to sell your car just as much as you want to buy one," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org. The key is to know your current financial situation and be willing to negotiate with lenders.

"When you're shopping around for a new car make sure to have all your financial documentation with you," Rhode said. "Bring copies of your current pay stubs, checking and savings account information and any other important personal paperwork. By showing that you're on top of your current financial situation, creditors will tend to overlook some of your past mistakes."

When borrowing money to purchase a new car, use the dealer's financing or a bank or credit

union loan. Each one has advantages and disadvantages.

"Typically if you finance your car through a dealer you can end up with a lower interest rate," Rhode said. "But you need to watch out for hidden fees, having to make a larger down payment or being charged more on the overall price of the car. With a bank loan the interest rate may be a little higher, but the fees most likely will be considerably less. In either situation, make sure you read the fine print."

For people who are heading to browse car lots this year, Myvesta.org has released a free publication called *How To Buy A Car With Marks On Your Credit And Not Get Taken For A Ride*. You'll find tips on getting the best loans, what characteristics lenders look for and explanations of the options to finance your new car.

Download it for free from Myvesta.org or send \$5 (to cover

shipping and handling) to Buying a Car, Myvesta.org, P.O. Box 9409, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-9409.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 46 complaints during the week of December 29 - January 4:

Two traffic accidents, one private property accident, five larceny, two civil, one juvenile, one alarm call, five disorderly persons, one suspicious situation, two drunk driving, three assist other departments, two city ordinance, 17 unclassified, and four traffic warnings given.



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January 14 - 18, 2003 at Adult Learning Center

Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ Adult Learning Center

#### Classes Begin

January 20, 2003 - Grayling Elementary for Alternative Ed

NOTE: Late registration available at all locations the first day of class.

## Winter 2003 Schedules

### ADULT LEARNING CENTER

ABE/GED	M - T	8 - 11:30 am	Barrow
	M - T	12 - 3:30 pm	Barrow
ABE/GED	W - R	8 - 11:30 am	Brunette
	W - R	12 - 3:30 pm	Brunette
ABE/GED	W - R	6 - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski

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GED/ABE	M - T	8 am - 12 pm	Brunette
	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette
GED/ABE	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
ALT. ED.	M - T	8 am - 12 pm	Brunette
	M - T	1 - 4:50 pm	Brunette
ALT. ED.	W - R	8 am - 12 pm	Barrow
	W - R	1 - 4:50 pm	Barrow
ALT. ED./EST.	F	1 - 4:00 pm	Brunette

### ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

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			Brunette

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Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, room 107

Cost: \$50.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)

### Hatha Yoga I

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing.

### Hatha Yoga II

Class Starts: February 13, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Thursday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford

This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States and is certified by him.

### Self Defense

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Hornrich

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### Grace Under Pressure

#### Self Defense for Woman

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks/session.

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Room

Cost: \$25.00

Instructor: John Hornrich

An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that the size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations!

### Computers

Class Starts: February 11, 2003

Length of Class: 8 weeks

Day of Class: Tuesday

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Terry Snyder

This eight week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, and Power Point. The instructor will tailor the class around the students.

### Intro to Computers

Class Starts: January 27, 2003

Length of Class: 2 weeks

Day of Class: Monday

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Lab

Cost: \$50.00 (includes book)

Instructor: Marge Schreiner

Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?!) Is the screen too dark and you don't know how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought was saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come join us as we start at the very beginning and learn about computers

### Digital Camera

Class Starts: February 12, 2003

Length of Class: 6 weeks

Day of Class: Wednesday

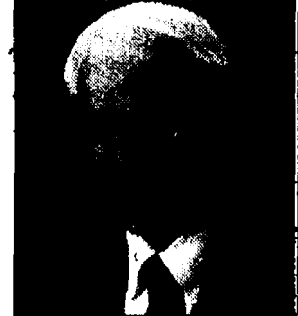
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab


Cost: \$50.00

Instructor: John Lasby

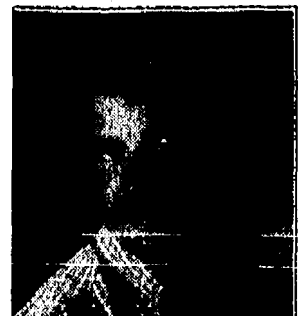
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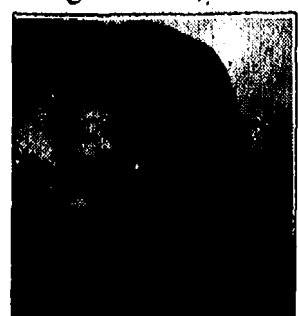
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# Plan includes repaving of McMasters Bridge Road

► McMasters project set for 2003 in board's five-year plan

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

McMasters Bridge Road, which runs from North Down River Road south to M-72 East in eastern Crawford County, is slated for a complete resurfacing later this year, according to the Crawford County Road Commission.

The McMasters Bridge Road project for 2003 is listed in a five-year plan the Road Commission Board approved last Thursday as part of the requirements for using state and federal money distributed at the upcoming Regional Task Force (#9) meeting.

The Task Force meeting includes several northern Michigan counties. In addition to road commissions, cities and transportation authorities are also eligible to receive money from the Task Force pool. Road commissions, cities, and transportation authorities from each county

are required to work together on prioritizing projects, conducting a public hearing, and bringing the results to the Task Force for funding approval.

(Not all roadways in the county are eligible for funds through this process.)

Crawford County held its public hearing at the Road Commission office last Thursday. With the support of the City of Grayling and Transportation Authority, the Road Commission Board approved the five-year plan for Crawford County's share of Task Force funds.

Since the formula that governs the Task Force funding system — the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21) — is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock recommended going after a project that would result in a balance of zero or close to it with regard to Task Force funds in 2003. It is unknown what legislation will replace TEA-21.

The Road Commission Board approved the recommendations 3-0 last week. For 2003, the Road Commission plans to have

McMasters Bridge Road crushed and repaved, and the Transportation Authority should receive \$15,000 for "tools and/or equipment." The city, according to Road Commission officials, does not have a roadway eligible for Task Force monies.

McMasters Bridge Road (from the bridge to North Down River Road) rated highest on the Road Commission's most recent Primary Road System Condition Rating, meaning it is in most need of repairs out of all the county's sections of "primary road," according to the Road Commission's rating criteria.

McMasters Bridge Road (from the bridge to M-72 East) rated 6th, behind sections of Chase Bridge Road, Military Road, Manistee River Road, and North Down River Road (Stephan Bridge Road to Wakeley Bridge Road). The Road Commission opted to have both sections of McMasters reconstructed in one sizeable project, increasing efficiency and saving money.

North Down River Road (Wakeley to Stephan), Chase Bridge Road, and North Down River Road (Wilcox Bridge Road

## Road Board elects new officers

The Crawford County Road Commission's Board of Commissioners selected a new chairman at its first meeting of 2003 last Thursday. The Board elected Ken Riehle chairman and John Hartman vice-chair with votes of 3-0.

The previous chairman, Tom Perry, did not seek reelection last year. His term ended at the conclusion of 2002. (He was originally appointed to the Road Commission Board by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners prior to the road board positions being put back on the ballot.)

Jim Burch, the Road Commission Board's third member, was elected in November to fill Perry's seat.

to Stephan Bridge Road) are scheduled for reconstruction in 2005, 2006, and 2007, respectively. No project was listed for 2004.

Projects included in the five-year plan for the Task Force are subject to change, and only include those roadways that are eligible for funding through that system.

## GMS food drive yields 2,300+ items

During the month of November, Grayling Middle School students and staff were involved in a food drive to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Over 2,300 food items were collected, with a retail value of over \$1,900.

Miss Matelski's homeroom students collected the greatest percentage of food items per student in a homeroom class. Following the food drive, which ran from November 18-22, 2002 ten students delivered and sorted the food items to the Help Center.

GMS counselor Joni Metiva said, "We are very proud of all the students and staff that have given during this time of year. What a wonderful support we have shown for our community."

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 Starring - Leonardo DiCaprio  
 • At 6:30 & 9:45 Nightly



Boys basketball 4-6B

*From the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche*

## 2002: Year In Review

**Happy New Year!** With 2002 in the books, the Crawford County Avalanche presents Part 2 of its "2002: Year In Review," featuring selected news, sports, and feature story summaries from 2002 Avalanche editions – July through December. (Part 1 of 2002: Year In Review – featuring January through June – was published in last week's Avalanche.)

**Note:** Year In Review story summaries are listed according to the month the news story was featured in the Avalanche, which is not necessarily the month in which the events occurred. The date of the Avalanche edition in which the story appeared is included (in parentheses) at the end of each story synopsis.

### JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY•JULY

- Four Ohio Army National Guard members were injured, one critically, in a single-car rollover accident on Hartwick Pines Road near I-75. (July 4)
- The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association conducted a lake-mapping project on Lake Margrethe in an effort to determine the extent of Eurasian Watermilfoil presence. (July 4)
- Following nearly two years of delays, a jury verdict of guilty and a mistrial, then a plea of no contest in a new trial, Michael Tironi was sentenced July 9 on one count of 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court. (July 11)
- A former Grayling Middle School teacher was absent from the courtroom Monday for her arraignment

- in 46th Circuit Trial Court after her legal counsel filed a motion to waive her rights to an arraignment and entered a plea of not guilty on her behalf. (July 11)
- The Grayling Rotary Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. (July 11)
- Former Grayling Middle School teacher Kathryn Olson said she felt the article in the *Avalanche* last week was misleading and asked the record be set straight. (July 18)
- At the recommendation of its Building Committee, the Grayling City Council is now considering the purchase of nine acres of military property on North Down River Road to be used for a new city hall and possibly a new fire station and park. (July 18)
- After meeting with approximately 25 concerned Frederic parents and grand-



Eurasian Watermilfoil project on Lake Margrethe (July 4 edition)

parents regarding the possible relocation of Frederic fourth and fifth grade students to Grayling, Superintendent Milli Haug said she would

inform them of her decision within a few days. (July 18)

- An alert citizen is responsible for bringing an end to a crime spree that law enforce-

ment officials believe may have started as far back as April and touched neighborhoods in Grayling Township and within the city limits. (July

25)

- A nine-year old Grayling boy was injured July 15 when a driver entered a downtown intersection as the traffic light turned red. (July 25)
- Bill Torongo crossed the finish line first in the 2002 'Spike's Challenge C-1 canoe race. Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin were the winners in the C-2 canoe race. (July 25)
- The Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association is following up its recent plant life survey of Lake Margrethe with another lake-mapping project in an effort to get a closer estimate of volume and location of Eurasian Watermilfoil within the lake. (July 25)
- Ten-year old Austin Weiler and 15-year old Anthony Neal designed the Marathon program cover and T-shirts. (July 25)

### AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST•AUGUST

- Six time defending champs Jeff Kolka, 43, of Grayling and Serge Corbin, 45, of Quebec paddled their way to an unprecedented seventh consecutive win at North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race: the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. (Aug. 1)
- Three townships in the county have dropped out of the S.T.I.N.G. program citing tight budgets and little drug related activity. (Aug. 1)
- The list of charges against a pair of teen thieves keeps growing as law enforcement continues to investigate a string of recent vehicle larcenies. Felony charges have now been added. (Aug. 1)

- Grayling City Police are continuing to investigate an incident that occurred last week in the City Park that left one 14-year-old girl highly intoxicated, requiring hospitalization. (Aug. 1)
- Nathan Thompson and Keil Clough, paddling in the 15 to 17-year old boys division, set a new record for the youth canoe race. (Aug. 1)
- The Grayling City Council voted 4-0 last Monday in favor of having a new city hall (and fire station) built on a nine-acre piece of property on North Down River Road (west of M-93/Old 27) that the city intends to purchase from the Michigan Department of

Military Affairs. (Aug. 8)

- Grayling Department of Public Works employee Bob Arndt spent many hours helping city crews clean up downed trees following severe thunderstorms late Tuesday night. (Aug. 8)
- Over 130 runners finished the 2002 GRA 10K run, with Nathan Dorn finishing first. (Aug. 8)
- The second annual Black Bear bicycle race featuring a 100-mile course from Grayling to Oscoda had approximately 100 cyclists racing the canoes to the finish. (Aug. 8)
- Following nearly two years of investigation, Michigan Attorney General

Jennifer Granholm has filed a complaint against a local doctor for allegedly violating a number of sections of the Public Health Code. (Aug. 15)

- The City of Grayling and Waste Management Inc. recently finalized a new five-year contract for curb-side trash pick-up within the city. (Aug. 15)
- A longtime dispute over a property access point ended, at least temporarily, with the arrest of a Frederic man after he allegedly threatened to shoot his neighbor. (Aug. 15)
- Less than two days after posting bond on numerous charges related to a string of larcenies and other crimes in

recent months, 17-year-old Casey Darling was arrested again last Thursday morning on at least three more criminal charges. (Aug. 22)

- Several volunteers and businesses came together last week to help install new playground equipment in the Grayling City Park. (Aug. 22)
- At last Monday's regular council meeting, the City of Grayling's governing body made a few changes to its water policies – most notably switching to a "shut-off" policy for those with delinquent water bills – and discussed a probable rate increase for city water users. (Aug. 22)
- Grayling High School will be leaving the North East

Michigan Conference after the 2002-03 season. Grayling has been accepted into the Lake Michigan Conference, and the Vikings will begin play in their new league starting with the fall 2003 sports season. (Aug. 22)

- Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 24-year old Owosso man on Sunday, after being tipped off about some possible stolen property. (Aug. 29)
- The Beaver Creek Fire Department is celebrating 20 years of service to the community and the honor of working with Michigan's Fire Chief of the Year, Ed Holtcamp. (Aug. 29)

### SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER•SEPTEMBER

- An unidentified local man was arrested for the early morning armed robbery of a local gas station. (Sep. 5)
- Approximately 75 people attended a workshop designed to help all kids succeed. (Sep. 5)
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has been battling with cutting \$1 million from the county proposed budget, but still needs to go deeper to the tune of about \$150,000 more. (Sep. 12)
- The U.S. District Court found no evidence to support ordinary or gross negligence on the part of Crawford County, the Crawford County Sheriff Department, former

Sheriff David Lovely, and County Corrections officer Michael Kelly in the suicide more than two years ago of John Schreiber. (Sep. 12)

- Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss has charged a 35-year old Grayling man for the September 3 early morning armed robbery of a local gas station. (Sep. 12)
- Jeff Kolka of Grayling and Serge Corbin of Quebec split the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing title this year. The duo placed first at the first two legs of the Triple Crown – the General Clinton Canoe Regatta and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon – and third

at Quebec's La Classique de Canots de la St. Maurice. Kolka and Corbin have now won the Triple Crown competition three years in a row. (Sep. 12)

- Over 20 concerned citizens attended the September Frederic Township Board meeting to discuss the support the Board had given for designation of natural river for the Upper Manistee River. After listening to the presentations from members of the audience the Board reversed its position and now opposes the natural river designation. (Sep. 19)
- GMS students and staff held a cookout on September 11 to honor the various police,

fire, emergency responders and members of the military who help keep them safe. (Sep. 19)

- About 200 people met at Gates AuSable Lodge on September 7 to participate in the eighth annual cleanup of the river. (Sep. 19)
- On Saturday, September 21, a mowed and groomed playing field complete with obstacles will be available at Hanson Hills Recreation Area for use by paint ball players. (Sep. 19)
- Since the August meeting of the Commission on Aging (COA) the commission members have been questioning how the building fund started

and for what purpose the money can be used. At the request of the COA, Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley attended the September COA meeting to discuss the building fund. (Sep. 26)

- Following the passage of two resolutions, one each by the Grayling Township and Frederic Township Boards, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted last week to add its voice in opposition to the proposed natural river designation for the Upper Manistee River system by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. (Sep. 26)
- Bob and Shelley Brinker, of Grayling, swept the compe-

tion at the St. Ignace truck show, by winning all the first place trophies and Best of Show. (Sep. 26)

- The Animal Shelter of Crawford County held its annual meeting September 21, and had something big to celebrate: a donation of over \$63,000. (Sep. 26)
- County budget cuts threaten the services and programs offered through MSU-Extension and 4-H programs. (Sep. 26)

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## 2002: Year In Review – October

- In an effort to save money and streamline services, yet remain accommodating to the needs of the taxpayers, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to reduce county office hours. (Oct. 3).

- More than 120 people attended the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and \$20,000 Challenge Raffle drawing on September 28. The dinner was the first collaboration of fund-raising efforts with the Crawford County United Way, helping kick off that organization's annual fund-raising campaign. (Oct. 3)

- Crawford County Sheriff deputies were called to the Millikin Lane area of Beaver Creek Township early Sunday evening after receiving a report about a 43-year old man threatening his neighbor with a large handgun. (Oct. 3)

- Following a public hearing on September 30, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved the county's 2003 \$4,645,832 fiscal year budget, with a few amendments. (Oct. 3)

- With one of its members resigning, the Grayling City Council is currently accepting applications from persons who wish to fill the vacancy. Council member Kathy Awiszus is resigning from the board this month. (Oct. 10)

- The Grayling City Council approved a proposal by the city's Parks Committee last week that will result in the installation of lights in the city park this year. (Oct. 10)

- About 20 people braved the howling winds and rain last Sunday afternoon to have

their beloved pets receive a special blessing at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling. (Oct. 10)

- A 43-year old Beaver Creek Township man was arraigned Monday on one charge of assault with a dangerous weapon stemming from an argument with neighbors on September 29. Robert D. Kostopolus was arraigned before Attorney Magistrate Julie F. Delaney in Crawford County's 83rd District Court on October 7. (Oct. 10)

- One of the quilts currently on display at the Icehouse's Quilt for a Cure show was taken to Washington D. C. recently as part of the first Relay for Life Celebration on the Hill. (Oct. 10)

- The City of Grayling moved forward with its plans for a new city hall last week with a ground-breaking ceremony and the city council's approval of a few changes to the building specifications. (Oct. 10)

- Grayling High School's varsity football team won its Homecoming game last Friday with a 28-6 victory over the visiting Tigers of Hillman. (Oct. 10)

- For the cost of only \$20 per month, Crawford County now has a web site which the Board of Commissioners hopes will save taxpayers hundreds of dollars in the future. (Oct. 17)

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently appointed two citizens to local boards and assigned a different commissioner to another. The boards involved were the Crawford County Library Board, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Commission on Aging. (Oct. 17)

- Almost 90 dogs competed in the Backwoods



Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 10 edition)

Houndsman Association's first ever competition at Hanson Hills. The event, which included several different contests, was sanctioned by the United Kennel Club. (Oct. 17)

- Field Operations Assistant for northern Michigan's Experience Works program, Sandy Farrugia, is anxious to help local non-profit and governmental agencies make the small annual investment of \$250 in exchange for taking on board a "seasoned" worker – a value of about \$10,000 annually. (Oct. 24)

- District Health Department #10 Health Officer B. Michael Skoog announced today that a bird in Crawford County has tested positive for the West Nile virus. (Oct. 24)

- Races for seats on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners see competition in only two of seven districts this election year – Districts 3 and 5. (Oct. 24)

- Over 140 eager runners – ready to challenge the hills and valleys of Hartwick Pines State Park – started the 2002

Hartwick Pines Challenge 7.2 mile foot race. (Oct. 24)

- A man suspected of committing a string of recent break-ins and stealing at least one vehicle is in jail awaiting arraignment on at least one felonious assault charge stemming from a standoff with Sheriff's personnel on Sunday afternoon. (Oct. 31)

- The Grayling City Council approved \$25,000 from the city's income tax fund for the purchase of a piece of land – much of it parking area – located along Burton Court in downtown Grayling. (Oct. 31)

- Two incidents of turfing of the Hanson Hills soccer field have been reported recently to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The incidents are believed to have occurred late at night or early morning, October 7/8 and October 19/20. (Oct. 31)

- The Grayling High School varsity soccer team defeated East Jordan 5-4 in overtime last Monday to advance into the District Tournament semi-final round. (Oct. 31)

## 2002: Year In Review – November

- The Grayling Promotional Association recently named its 2002 GPA Member of the Year – Sherry Hanson. (Nov. 7)

- The Camp Grayling Conservation Club has been busy in recent days erecting a new buck pole for use by those who hunt in the county. (Nov. 7)

- Six members of Engine Co. 214 Ladder 111 from New York City visited Grayling to say thanks and relate their experiences on September 11, 2001. (Nov. 7)

- Grayling City Police recently arrested a local man for allegedly providing alcohol to a group of teens hanging out in the city park last summer. One teen almost lost her life in the incident. (Nov. 7)

- The Grayling Equestrian Team recently finished its inaugural season of Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association District XIII competition. (Nov. 7)

- Ed Parks received a special Honorable Mention Walter H. Kaiser Memorial Award from the Michigan Library Association at their annual conference. (Nov. 14)

- Another section of paved trail for non-motorized traffic is scheduled for installation in Grayling next year – this time along M-72 West. (Nov. 14)

- The suspect in a string of unsolved local breaking and enterings and a motor vehicle theft has been arraigned recently on four felony charges, as a result of a day-

long stand off with law enforcement on October 27 at his father's Lovells Township cabin. (Nov. 14)

- In the heart of what many consider the "Mecca" of mid-west fly fishing country, between the famous AuSable and Manistee Rivers, the birthplace of Trout Unlimited, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library has established a special collection of trout fly fishing literature. (Nov. 14)

- Local bowhunter Pete Kocenas was the first person to display a deer on the new buck pole at Skip's Sports Shop. (Nov. 14)

- Hardbodyz Sports Club, a local fitness facility, recently placed third overall in an international competition involving distance logged on rowing machines. (Nov. 14)

- A Lovells Township man was recognized recently for his assistance in the apprehension of a wanted felon. (Nov. 21)

- With a unanimous vote last week, the Grayling City Council approved an increase in the city's contribution to Grayling's Fourth of July fireworks fund at the request of the organizer of the fireworks – the Grayling Youth Booster Club. (Nov. 21)

- The Grayling City Council – one member short due to a recent resignation – filled its empty slot by making an appointment last Tuesday. Dennis Palmer, one of five applicants, was approved by the council with a 3-1 vote.

(Nov. 21)

- The Grayling Promotional Association and its members have made it their mission for years to make a difference in their town and with its citizens and visitors. On a recent chilly Saturday, members reached out to the residents of a Frederic extended care facility, brightening their day ... and days to come. (Nov. 21)

- This year's Orange Coast Round Up competition at the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop boasted normal turn-out overall, including a full buck pole, on opening day of hunting season. (Nov. 21)

- The 46th Circuit Trial Court has filed a lawsuit against Crawford County, hoping to settle a funding dispute that has dragged on for over two years regarding court financing and retirement benefits for court employees. (Nov. 28)

- One oil worker was seriously injured last Wednesday night, around 5 p.m., when the tanker truck he was working with caught fire, along with a nearby oil silo in Waters. (Nov. 28)

- Increasing incidents of under-age drinking have caused local law enforcement officials to get tough, stating there will be no more "breaks." (Nov. 28)

- Riders who use local snowmobile trails can breathe a sigh of relief, as grant funding has been received for this winter season's Crawford County Sheriff's Snowmobile Patrol. (Nov. 28)

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## 2002: Year In Review – December

• During a three-day period last week, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies issued 78 tickets to drivers found in violation of the state's safety belt law. (Dec. 5)

• Two downstate teens escaped serious injuries late Sunday night, December 1, when their car left the roadway on northbound I-75 and crashed into a tree, splitting the car in half and leaving the pieces 50 feet apart on the snowy roadside. (Dec. 5)

• Ten fugitives from the law are now being featured as Crawford County's Ten Most Wanted on the Sheriff's Office web site. One case dates back to more than ten years ago. (Dec. 5)

• Three teenagers were arrested for a crime spree involving vending machines in at least five counties. (Dec. 5)

• The 745th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Michigan Army National Guard of Camp Grayling, has received notification of a Presidential Call-Up in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom. (Dec. 5)

• Gerrish Township Police, in Roscommon County, are continuing their investigation into an apparent hunting accident that took the life of a local man. (Dec. 5)

• Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Undersheriff Shawn Kraycs, Captain Scott Feldhauser, and Sergeant Randy Baerlocher were honored recently by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for actions they took in the resolution of the October 27 stand-off in Lovells



Frederic Eagles honored at GHS (Dec. 26 edition)

Township. (Dec. 5)

• The Grayling High School Athletic Department continues to work on a project that will honor Grayling's all-state athletes through construction of a new record board. (Dec. 5)

• A 47-year old Maple Forest Township woman, acting in good faith, allowed an acquaintance to use her telephone and bathroom, only to have him allegedly turn a gun on her, sexually assault her, rob her, and steal her pickup truck. But he didn't get away. (Dec. 12)

• Employees and customers of a local supermarket prevented a local woman from being robbed of her purse and wallet when they corralled a purse snatcher in the store's parking lot last Wednesday evening. (Dec. 12)

• The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) of Grayling is spearheading a new sign project involving installation of special trail location markers that should make it much easier for emergency responders to find accident victims in the event of a snowmobile mishap. (Dec.

12)

• The jury trial of a former Grayling Middle School teacher who confessed to placing a bomb threat to the school on March 11, has been adjourned. No new trial dates have been scheduled. (Dec. 12)

• Three Grayling High School boys soccer players - Eric Hunter, John Handy, and Brandon Pratt earned all-league honors in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 fall season. (Dec. 12)

• Less than two weeks after launching its Ten Most Wanted list at web site [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org), the Crawford County Sheriff's Office announced one fugitive has been located. (Dec. 19)

• The man accused of providing alcohol to a group of young teens last summer has pled guilty to the charge, avoiding a jury trial originally scheduled for next March. (Dec. 19)

• Acting on the advice of city auditors and a recommendation by the city manager, the Grayling City Council voted 4-

1 last week to increase city water and sewer rates by about five percent. (Dec. 19)

• For years, in Crawford County, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or abuse, and other crimes have had to face the stares of the accused and their supporters when testifying in a criminal case. A new tool being used by the Victim Rights Advocate's office may lessen the discomfort of taking the stand. (Dec. 19)

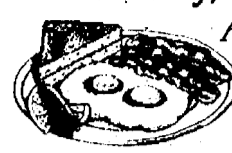
• Tracy Parkinson and Kim Mitchell received all-league recognition in the North East Michigan Conference for the 2002 girls basketball season. (Dec. 19)

• Among the 743 fire departments in the U.S. chosen for special funding through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Awards was the Beaver Creek Fire Department, which will receive \$69,276. (Dec. 26)

• Former Frederic High School Eagles basketball players and cheerleaders were honored at center court during halftime of last Friday's varsity basketball game in Grayling. (Dec. 26)

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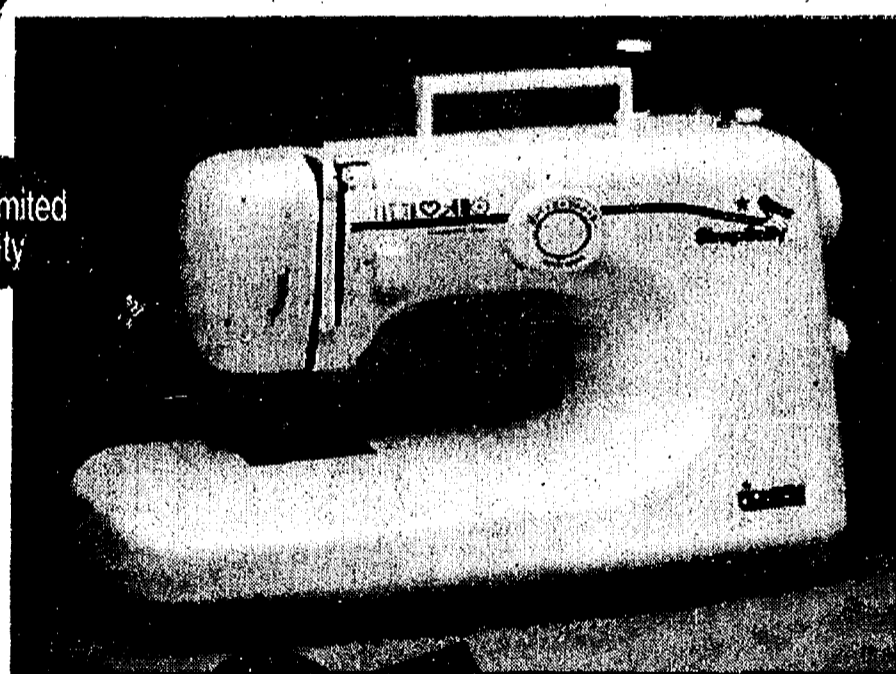
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# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Vikings win in dramatic finish

► Varsity team moves to 3-0 in league race with 57-56 victory

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School capped a basketball tripleheader with a thrilling 57-

56 victory by the varsity squad vs. Bay City John Glenn at GHS on Friday, January 3. Grayling's freshman and JV teams also defeated their Bay City counterparts in the series sweep for Grayling on Friday night.

The varsity squad - in its first game back on the court after the holiday break - overcame early foul trouble, a strong third quarter surge by Bay City, and a two-

point deficit late in the game to win the match. The victory improved Grayling's conference record to 3-0.

The Vikings got off to a strong start. With two-point baskets by Roy Czapke and Adam Kaiser and a triple by Andy Strohpaul, GHS led 7-3 early in the first quarter. An 8-0 run by Grayling put the Vikings up 15-6. The run included four baskets by Kaiser. With two jumpers by Gibson Tobin, the Vikings had a 19-12 edge at the end of the first period.

The Vikings also led the personal fouls total 11-1 by the end of the first eight minutes. Grayling had seven team fouls in less than three minutes into the contest.

GHS built on its lead with a 19-15 second quarter. The Vikings scored their 19 on a fast break lay-up by Tobin, triples by Strohpaul, Kaiser, and Tobin, a jumper by Tobin, and free throws by Czapke, Tobin, and Joe Zelek.

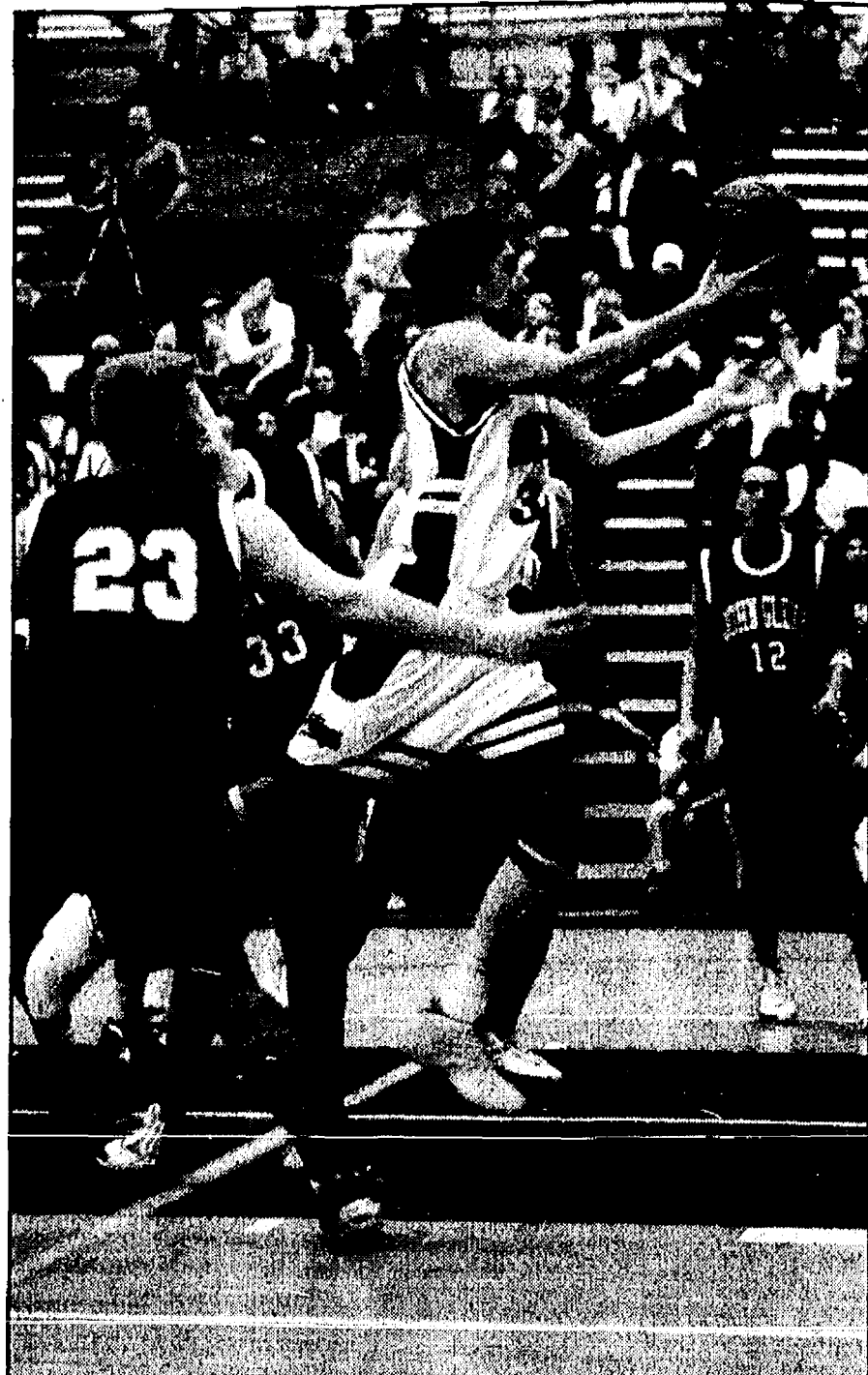
The Vikings had a 38-27 advantage at halftime.

Grayling did not have a good third quarter. John Glenn outscored the Vikings 16-4 in the period. Bay City took a one-point lead, 43-42, into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats scored first in the fourth. Two jump shots by Tobin gave Grayling a 46-45 lead. A 6-0 run by Bay City left Grayling trailing 51-46.

A put-back by Czapke and two free throws by Kaiser pulled Grayling within one, 51-50. A shot inside by Bay City and a put-back by Czapke left the Bobcats up by one.

A foul by Bay City put Kaiser at the line for a one and one free throw chance with 1:08 remaining in regulation. He hit the first and the second shot, giving Grayling a one-point edge. A free throw by the Bobcats tied the game at 54-54 with 51 seconds



Photos by Caleb Casey

Adam Kaiser drives the ball inside in the game against Bay City John Glenn last Friday.

left in the game.

Grayling missed a shot attempt at the other end and Bay City came away with the loose ball. The Bobcats moved the ball around and drove in for a shot, drawing a foul with 11 seconds left on the clock. Bay City hit both free throws to lead 56-54.

Grayling got the ball in and across half-court, then called a quick time-out. The game clock was down to six seconds.

The Vikings got the ball in to Tobin, who shot a three-pointer from the corner with three defenders in front of him. The shot went in, giving Grayling a one-point lead.

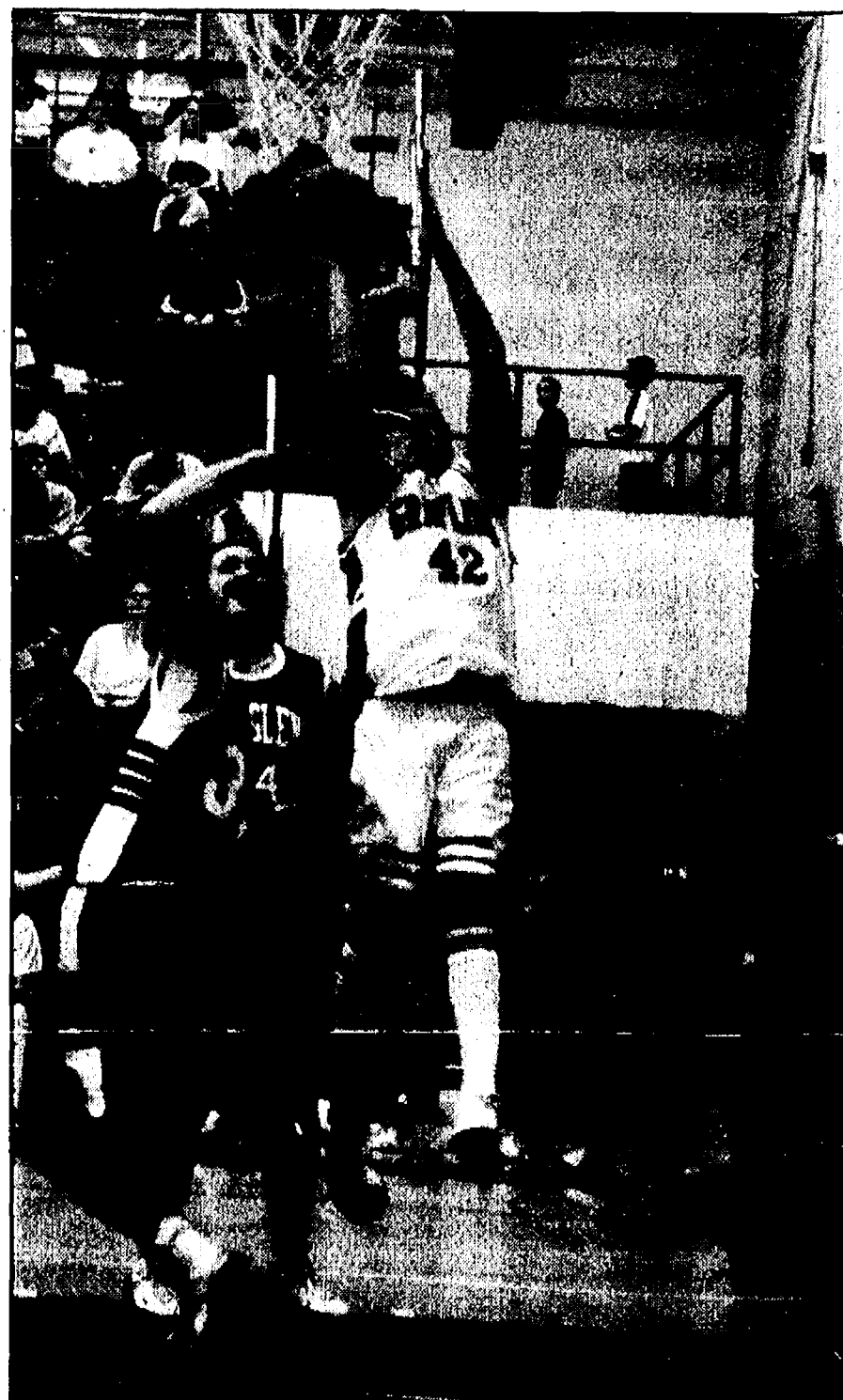
Bay City rushed the ball inbounds and got off a half-court shot. It went in. The officials conferred, and ruled that the shot did not beat the buzzer. Grayling won 57-56.

"I was pleased that we got out of the gates so well in the first half. Our intensity and defensive pressure was very good," said Coach Rich Moffit. "In the third quarter, we did not play with any sense of urgency and found ourselves in a hole going into the fourth. We hit some pressure shots from the field and free throw line. Our kids played with poise down the stretch."

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling in the match with 23 points. He also led the squad in assists with seven. Kaiser had 15 points and Czapke finished with 10.

On defense, Tobin had 12 deflections and Kaiser finished with 11.

The Vikings - now 3-1 overall and 3-0 in league play - will play at Pinconning on Friday, January 10.

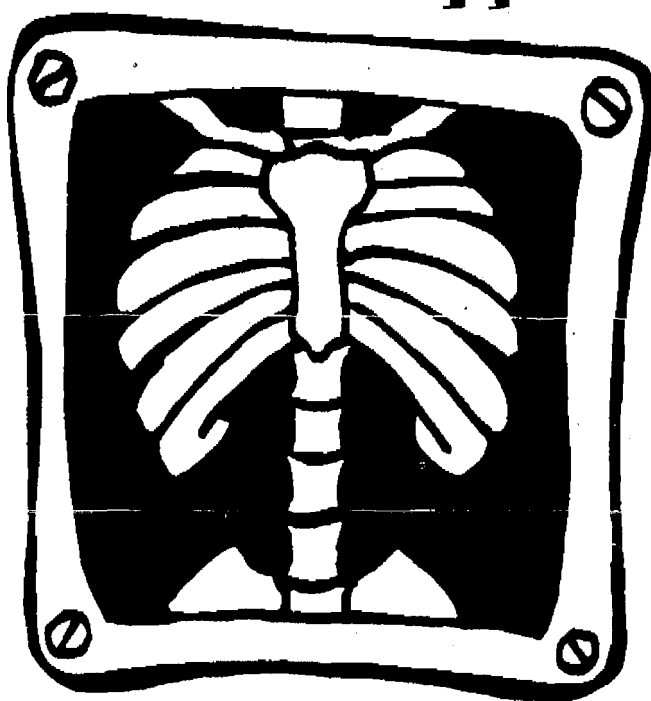


Greg Morrill goes up for a shot inside the paint in last week's victory over Bay City.

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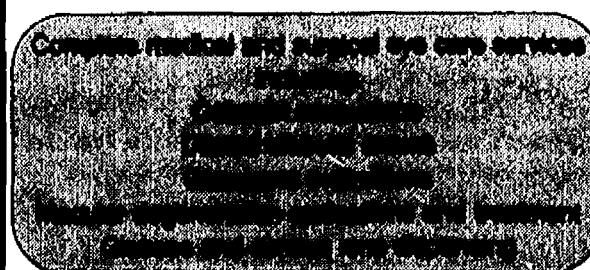
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# JV team wins by 7 vs. Bobcats

► Vikings move to 4-0 with 50-43 victory over Bay City John Glenn

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 4-0 with a 50-43 victory over the Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn in Grayling last Friday.

Grayling edged Bay City 16-14 in the first eight minutes of play. The Vikings scored points on a shot inside by Ryan Davis, a jumper and a fast break lay-up by Josh Hinkle, a lay-up by Tyler Cragg, and free throws by Hinkle and Davis.

Bay City scored 11 to Grayling's 9 in the second quarter to leave the game tied at half-time, 25-25. Grayling scored its nine on a triple by D.J. Metzger, shots inside by Bobby Starks and Jess Bobenmoyer, and a drive by Starks.

Grayling scored first in the second half with a jumper by Starks and a fast break lay-up by Hinkle following a steal. The Bobcats then scored nine unanswered points to take a 34-29 lead.

The Vikings rallied for a 7-0 to end the third quarter. The run included two drives by Hinkle, a free throw by Bobenmoyer, and a lay-up by Davis.

Grayling took a 36-34 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings carried over their late third quarter momentum into the fourth. Grayling opened the period with a 9-0 run, which included a jumper by Hinkle, a free throw by Bobenmoyer, a lay-up by Hinkle, a shot inside by Davis, and a put-back by Hinkle.

Two shots inside and a triple by Bay City pulled the Bobcats within four, 45-41, with 4:00 left in the game.



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Bobby Starks goes up for a shot underneath the basket in the game against Bay City John Glenn last week.**

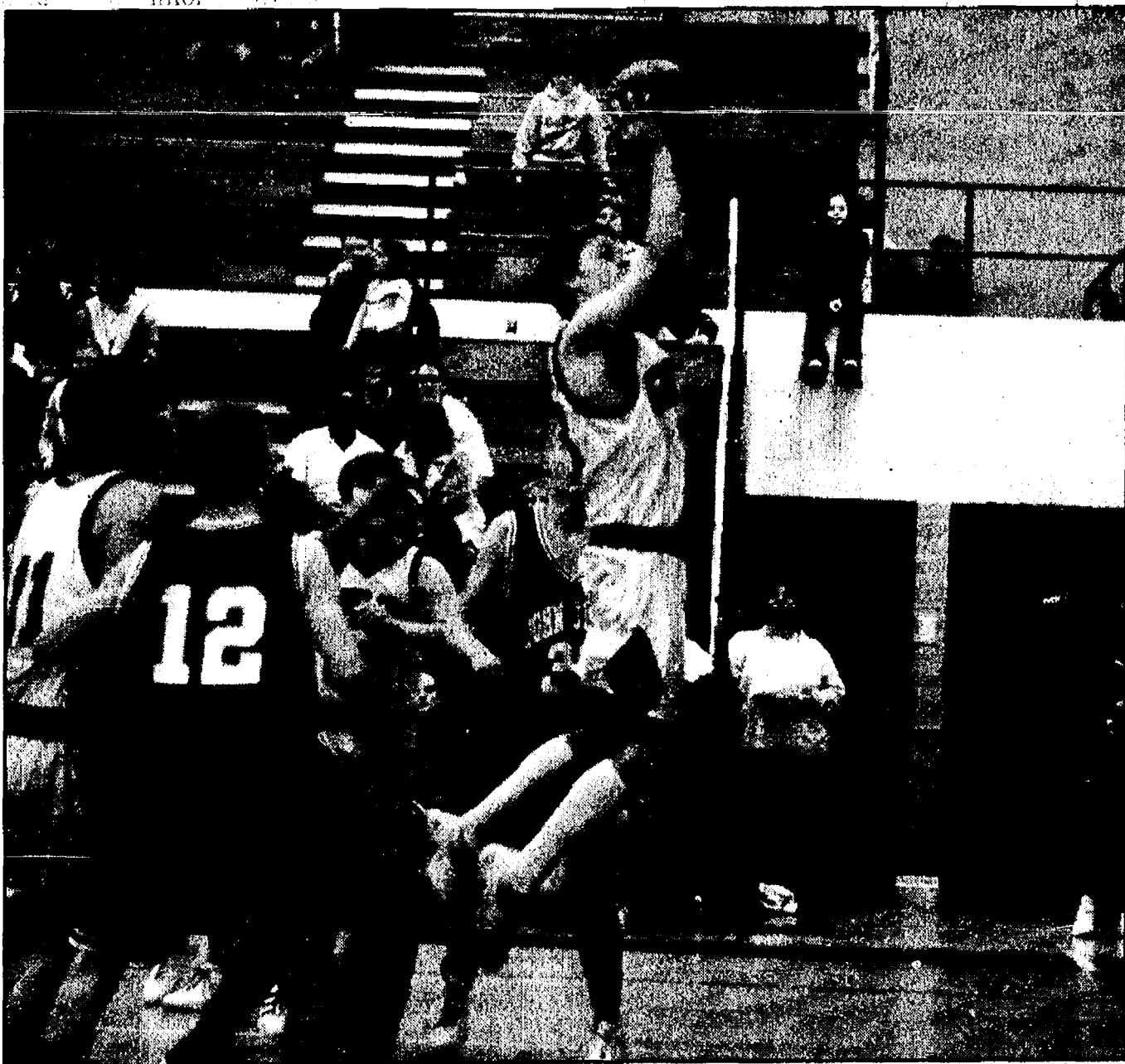
A free throw by Josh Millikin extended Grayling's lead to five. A pair of free throws by Bay City cut Grayling's advantage to three with 2:11 remaining. A shot inside by Starks gave GHS a 48-43 lead with 1:30 left in the contest.

Down by at least two scores, Bay City stalled. Davis stole the ball, and the Vikings killed some time off the clock by passing the

ball around. Bay City fouled with three seconds remaining in regulation. Starks hit both free throws, resulting in a final score of Grayling 50, Bay City 43.

Hinkle was Grayling's leading scorer in the match with 21 points. Starks had 10, and Davis added 9.

The Vikings play at Pinconning on Friday, January 10.



Ryan Davis drives in for a lay-up vs. Bay City on Friday night.

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# 9th graders move to 3-0

► Freshman team rallies to defeat Bay City John Glenn 54-49

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School freshman boys basketball team overcame an eight-point Bay City lead on Friday night at GHS with a 21-8 fourth quarter. The Vikings won the match 54-49, improving the team's overall record to 3-0 so far this year.

Grayling edged the Bobcats 16-15 in the first quarter. The Vikings scored their 16 points on a three-point play by Eli VanNuck, a three-point play by Reagan Schmidt, a put-back by Schmidt, two shots inside by VanNuck, a triple by Schmidt, and a free throw by Zac Baker.

The Bobcats outscored Grayling 10-9 in the second period to leave the game tied at half-time, 25-25. The Vikings scored on jumpers by Schmidt and VanNuck, a free throw by VanNuck, and jump shots by J.C. Schneider and VanNuck.

Bay City scored 16 third quarter points to Grayling's eight to take a 41-33 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Grayling's eight third period points were the result of a fast break lay-up by Ryan Feldhauser, a shot inside by Zach Dean, a put-back by Dean, and two free throws by VanNuck.

The Vikings rallied in the fourth quarter. Grayling opened the period with an eight-point

unanswered streak to tie the game at 41-41 with 5:19 left in the game. The run included a jumper by Baker, a triple by Schmidt, a shot inside by VanNuck, and a free throw by Schneider.

A jumper by Bay City put the Bobcats up by two. A shot inside by Schmidt tied the game at 43-43. Two free throws by VanNuck gave Grayling the lead.

BCJG scored the next two baskets to take a two-point advantage. A jump shot by Schmidt tied the score (47-47) with 2:10 remaining.

Feldhauser stole the ball and drove in for a lay-up. A steal by Schmidt got Grayling the ball back. Bay City fouled Schmidt, who made both free throws, giving GHS a 51-47 lead with 1:31 left in the game.

A foul by Grayling put the Bobcats at the free throw line for a one and one chance. Bay City missed the shot, and Dean grabbed the rebound for GHS. Feldhauser scored a lay-up on a pass from VanNuck to put Grayling up by six, 53-47.

Bay City answered with a jump shot to pull within four. The Bobcats fouled Schmidt, who hit one of two at the line. Bay City's next shot missed, Joshua Grant nabbed the rebound, and time ran out.

Grayling held on to win 54-49.

Schmidt and VanNuck were the leading scorers for GHS with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Dean was the rebounding leader for Grayling with nine boards. Schmidt had five assists, and VanNuck and Feldhauser each



Zach Dean handles the ball for Grayling near the basket against Bay City on Friday night.

finished with four steals.

"We showed great poise and character against John Glenn. The boys entered the fourth quarter down 41-33, buckled down on defense creating turnovers, and outscored Bay City 21-8 in the fourth quarter," said Coach Joe Mau. "Reagan Schmidt really took charge offensively and Eli VanNuck and Ryan Feldhauser came up with some key steals at the end."

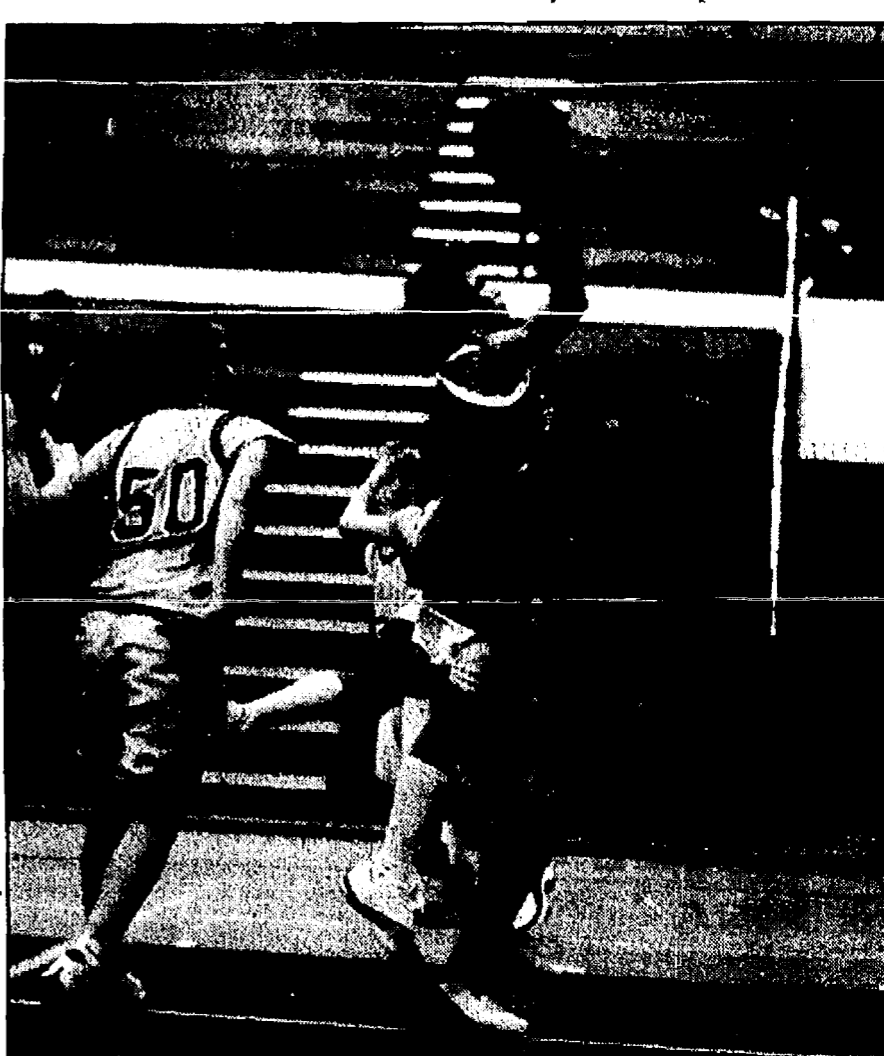
On Friday, December 20 the Vikings defeated Kalkaska's freshman squad 67-46 at GHS.

VanNuck led Grayling in scoring with 21 points. He also had seven steals and seven rebounds.

Schmidt finished with 12 points, six assists, and seven steals; Schneider had 12 points and six rebounds; and Dean posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Dean also had four steals.

"We look forward to continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Our solid backcourt of VanNuck and Schmidt continues to lead the team with excellent hustle and defense. Zach Dean also continues to be a presence down low," Coach Mau said.

The Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central on Thursday, January 9 at 6:15 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Eli VanNuck drives to the basket in last week's freshman boys basketball game vs. Bay City John Glenn.

## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith and Bonnie M. Smith husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 1993, and recorded on November 17, 1993 in Liber 369 on Page 69 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five and 19/100 dollars (\$43,055.19), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks 2nd Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29, Crawford County Records.

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NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING**  
**NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES**

On March 1, 2002 real estate with unpaid 1998, 2000 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Crawford County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

**A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for , January 15, 2003-January 31, 2003 at 608 S Washington, Lansing MI 48933.**

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

**A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM, 02/06/03 at the 46th Circuit Court, 200 W Michigan Ave, Grayling MI 49738.**

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 02-5819-CZ.

**If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:**

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid-taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Crawford County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid within 21 days after judgment is entered in the foreclosure proceedings.

**PLEASE NOTE :**

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction in July, September, and November of 2003. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

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BANCROFT, LISA MARIE	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	OLD KENT BANK	070-100-008-006-00	\$1,023.46
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CAMPBELL, DAVID	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	ROTH/DOTTS, CHERYL M	040-44-028-13-020-00	\$1,000.00
CAMPBELL, LYNDIA	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SAPIEGA, CARL R	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL D	052-520-000-518-00	\$395.93	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SAPIEGA, FRANCES A	032-103-000-243-00	\$444.82
CARPENTER COOK CO	064-500-000-030-00	\$441.63	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SAWYER, NORBERTA M	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CASE, SHAWN STARR	040-40-016-14-060-00	\$433.39	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-221-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, MRS RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, MRS. RONALD	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	031-011-006-146-00	\$701.84	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-102-000-194-00	\$399.41	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, RONALD G	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-218-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-220-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHAPPEL, SUSAN K	032-119-000-222-00	\$300.95	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHUPAILO, ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHUPAILO, ALVENA	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHUPAILO, GREG	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CHUPAILO, MRS ALFRED	064-340-000-061-00	\$1,487.74	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CITIFINANCIAL INC	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CITIZENS BANK	010-13-029-12-040-00	\$908.37	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONKLIN, CAROL	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONKLIN, CAROL	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONKLIN, KENNETH	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONKLIN, KENNETH	051-024-010-020-04	\$475.40	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONKLIN, THELMA S	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONSECO ACCEPTANCE, GREEN TREE NKA	030-002-015-060-00	\$1,466.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL KNA	040-40-007-08-060-00	\$2,191.60	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONSECO, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERV NKA	050-020-005-020-00	\$979.55	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONSECO, GREEN TREE NKA	040-43-026-13-020-01	\$914.59	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CONSOLIDATED MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	040-40-023-07-020-00	\$1,877.54	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CORBIN, DEBORAH K	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-017-00	\$1,621.62	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CORBIN, RICK V	010-14-400-00-229-00	\$818.86	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CRAFT, GLEN	040-40-010-07-100-00	\$406.50	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CRAWFORD COUNTY	070-100-016-010-00	\$6,062.98	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	070-100-015-001-02	\$2,892.78	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION + COMMUNITY DEV	040-40-031-03-120-00	\$280.86	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.39
DAUGHERTY, PAUL M, TRUSTEE OF THE NORMA E DAUGHTERY REV LIV TRUST	010-13-024-13-020-06	\$1,088.69	FARM & FOREST ENTERPRISES	020-016-005-070-00	\$525.76	SCHMIDENDORFF, LINDA L	070-150-003-004-00	\$7,796.3

# LEGAL ACTION

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Corbin, his wife FNA Rick V. Corbin and Deborah K. Love to Contimortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998, in Liber 466, on page 43 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, Trustee for Securitization Series 1998-4, Agreement dated December 17, 1998 Assignee for Mortgagee -19-26-02-09

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Miller and Silvana E. Miller, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Centex Home Equity Corporation, mortgagee, dated January 28, 2000 and recorded March 2, 2000 in Liber 502, Page 342, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$55,262.32) including interest at the rate of 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lots #229 and #230, Northern Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

(248) 540-7701

## CRAWFORD COUNTY VACANT BOARD POSITIONS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for the Building Authority and Construction Board of Appeals.

Applicants are required to be county residents and have a genuine interest in promoting Crawford County. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by Wed., January 22, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. or may be obtained on line thru [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) and returned to Crawford County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk  
January 2, 2003

## NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2003

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 18	7:00 p.m.	R.O.C.C., Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

Attorneys for Centex Home Equity Corporation, As Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 195.0212

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Valerie Spicer and Lawrence Spicer, Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2001, and recorded on August 9, 2001 in Liber 0548 on Page 261 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine and 54/100 dollars (\$28,009.54), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002

For information, please call:

Team J (248) 593-1311

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232654

Team J

-12-19-26-02-09

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jayson S. Welser, a married man and Michelle R. Welser, his wife (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 11, 2001, and recorded on August 16, 2001 in Liber 549 on Page 641 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Nine and 67/100 dollars (\$166,509.67), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 22, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 21, Town 27 North, Range 3 West; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes West, 2652.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West, 1303.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 01

degree 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds 35 seconds East, 275 feet; thence North 74 degrees 15 seconds East, 75 feet; thence South 25 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds West, 381.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West 350 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 12, 2002

For information, please call:

Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200232413

Team X

-12-19-26-02-09

## STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 02-5792-CH

Anthony J. Ballingash and

Ruth M. Ballingash, Plaintiffs

v

William H. Parker and

Tonya L. Parker, Defendants

Notice of Land Contract Foreclosure

by Sale

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 16th day of July, 2002, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 31st day of January, 2003 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit:

The West 4.94 acres of the East 15 acres of the North 30 acres of Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

2373 S. I-75 Business Loop

R.O. Box 665

Grayling, Michigan 49738

989-348-5232

-19-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Deborah K. Corbin and Rick V. Corbin, wife and husband, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded June 6, 2000 in Liber 0509, Page 202, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 67/100 Dollars (\$13,904.67) including interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 29, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17, 18 and 19, Plat of Northern

## GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following cases:

Case #03-1: Harold Grifka, petitioner.  
T26N, R2W, Sec. 8  
40-008-12-180-00  
1309 M-72 East  
R-F Zone.

A request to add a 12' x 24' covered porch to the side of an existing residence. Closest point of new construction 24' to the east side lot line, a variance of 11'.

Case #03-2: Jack Mahank, petitioner.  
T26N, R4W, Sec. 8  
45-766-12-021-00  
9270 Romany Ave.  
R-2 Zone

A request to add an 18' x 20' addition to an existing attached garage 16' from the rear lot line, a variance of 34'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton  
Grayling Township Clerk

Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 8600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: December 26, 2002

Orlans Associates PC

Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.

As Mortgagee

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 224.0507

-26-02-09-16-23

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403 on Page 201 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 32/100 dollars (\$48,122.32), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Team C (248) 593-1301

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200113993

Team C

-19-26-02-09-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Meyers (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 24, 1999, and recorded on July 6, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 256 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated July 9, 1999, which was recorded on August 10, 1999, in Liber 487 on Page 602 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three and 08/100 dollars (\$53,167.08), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 14, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, and commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 5, Karen Woods thence East on said Lot line 22 feet thence South parallel with said Lot 82.5 feet thence West 22 feet thence North on said Lot line 82.5 feet to the point of beginning according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 44 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 19, 2002

For information, please call:

Team S (248) 593-1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200233544

Team S

-19-26-02-09-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott Michels a married man and Kim Michels his wife (original mortgagors) to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2001, and recorded on November 7, 2001 in Liber 0559 on Page 167 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$70,429.34), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10 a.m., on January 29, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Northeasterly one-half of Lots 11 and 12, Block 13, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

Team S (248) 5931304

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30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200219390

Team S

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Earl D. Reid, a married man and Joann Reid, his wife (original mortgagors) to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1998, and recorded on December 29, 1998 in Liber 470 on Page 537 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated October 2, 1999, which was recorded on March 7, 2000, in Liber 502 on Page 536 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 16/100 dollars (\$42,151.16), including interest at 7.150% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 9, Pine Grove Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 58, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 26, 2002

For information, please call:

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago January 10, 1980

March 1st still remains the target date for the opening of at least a portion of Mercy Hospital's new \$8 million dollar addition, which will vastly expand and improve medical services in the Grayling area. The fund drive has hit 92 percent of its goal.

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District has hired the first Conservation Crew to work on privately-owned lands in the state. The work crew will concentrate on soil erosion, control projects, wildlife habitat improvement, and timber stand improvement.

Fourteen girls are vying for the Miss Grayling Title this year. The girls entered in the contest include: Coreena Hall, Lisa Eshenroder, Suzy Nicholas, Toni Trudgeon, Jeanne Lang, Barbara Hoffman, Kim Wheeler, Tami Goss, Cindy Patnode, Miranda Canfield, Susan Weeber, Cheryl Carlson, Michelle Bancroft, Nancy Bitner and Staarla Baade.

Grayling has been picked as one of eight sites around the state of Michigan by the International Snowmobile Association to conduct a Sno-Fari for the Easter Seal Society. The fundraiser involves a series of guided pledge rides for snowmobilers, who ask friends, relatives and associates to sponsor their ride in support of Easter Seals.

The Vikings posted a back to school Friday night win against

Rogers City by a 63-46 score. A large contingent of fans watched the Vikes record their sixth straight victory without a loss.

Grayling brought four individual championships home Saturday from the Freeland Invitational wrestling tournament. Burt Partello, Tim Ferrigan, Tim Jones and Jerry Lucksted all won top honors.

Ten Grayling young people were able to get in their week of ski school at Crystal Mountain during the holidays before the snow disappeared. Attending were Heidi Bendig, Karen and Kevin Reynolds, Riley McNamara, Andy, Peter and Julie Huss, Pat Hickey, Mark Gust and Alan Weiss.

Now showing at local theatres, "Harold and Maude" with Ruth Gordon.

The Scrub Board Laundromat ended its month-long special promotion and announced the winner in their MOPED contest was Richard Lultz of Roscommon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Calkins was named "Queen for the Day" at the Middle School. The honor went to a very deserving lady who is very special to all the Middle School staff.

### 46 Years Ago January 10, 1957

Crawford County through its savings bond chairman, John H. Peterson, has been awarded the coveted Eisenhower Prayer Award in recognition of the fine record achieved during 1956 in

the promotion and sale of United States Savings Bonds.

Members of Grayling's Calvary Baptist Church will hold a dedication service this Sunday of their newly remodeled and enlarged church on Chestnut Street. Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church is Reverend Alvin Johnson.

Grayling Boy Scouts of Troop 77 enjoyed Sunday at Ogemaw Hills Ski Park near West Branch at the Annual Klondike Derby. About 125 scouts took part in the Klondike sled race.

The Frederic High Eagles won three straight games last week at Bellaire to win the conference basketball tournament held there. A trophy will be displayed at the Frederic School, the first one ever won by a Frederic team. Some 28 to 30 years ago, Frederic was awarded a plaque for a tournament victory but the plaque has since disappeared.

High temperature for January 9th was 29 degrees. Snow on the ground measured 16 inches.

### 69 Years Ago January 7, 1934

What might have been a very bad conflagration had it not been discovered when it was, occurred last Sunday night, when the Danish-Lutheran Church was damaged by fire. Shortly after 9 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson reported the fire, and the fire department arrived and extinguished the flames.

The Grayling High School basketball team was defeated by Boyne City last night by a score of 26 to 15 on the home court.

Russell Peterson is suffering

with a broken wrist, which he had the misfortune of receiving last Friday while at work for the C.W.A. while attempting to crank a car.

### 92 Years Ago January 10, 1911

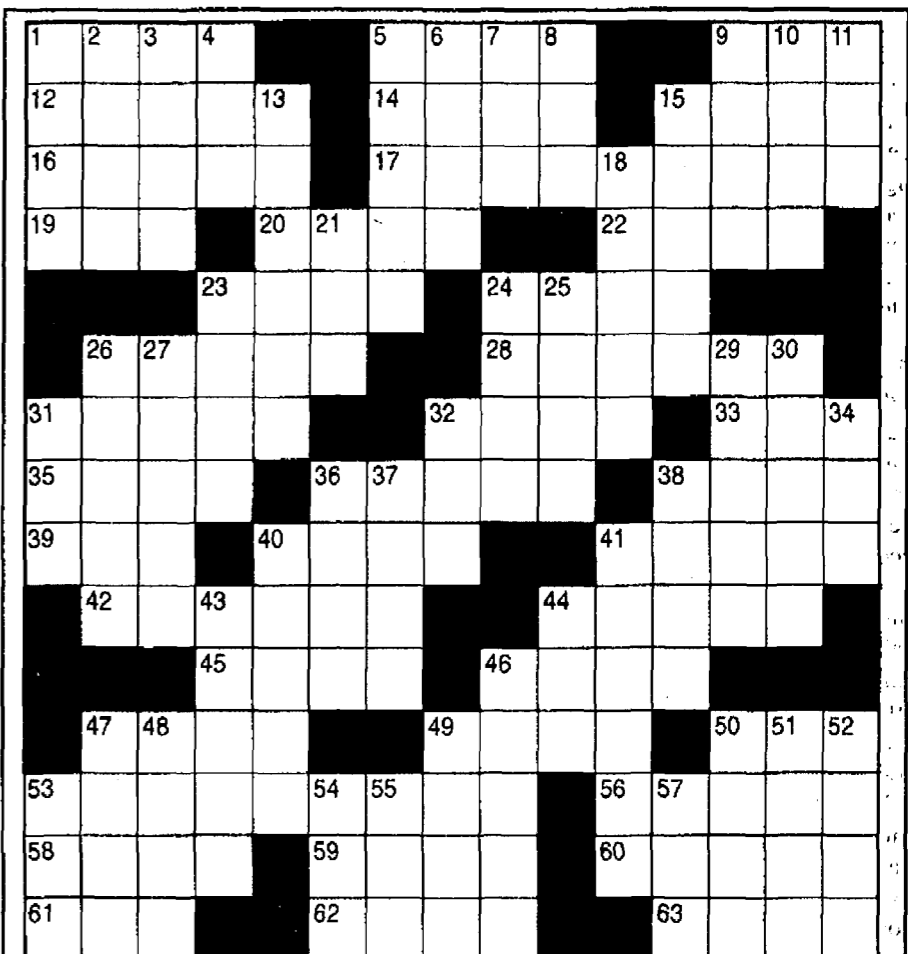
George Langevin and Karl Halter each lost a valuable horse last week.

Our local mills have suffered from a shortage of log supply, owing the terrific storms of late, and blockage on all the logging branches. Conditions for logging are very favorable, and a larger supply than ever will be put in.

Last week was a hummer for weather, having four nights in succession which registered from 13 to 18 degrees below zero, and Sunday night giving us five inches additional snow, which a 40 mile gale piled in almost impassable drifts in the roads running north and south.

We were too busy last week to notice the thirty-third anniversary of the birthday of the *Avalanche*. Twenty-nine years ago next month the present management adopted the "child" from Salling Hanson and Company, who had carefully nursed it for the preceding year, but finding it required so much care, they were willing to let it go. With the prosperity and growth of the county, it had more than quadrupled in every department, especially in the jobbing line, where it is now in condition to cope with any of the rurals of the state, having a large line of up-to-date type and material and four power presses in place of the old Washington hand press.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Hawaiian landscape feature
5. Ice formation, informally
9. Gary's state: abbr.
12. Hockey offense
14. Nobelist Weisel
15. One of Monty Hall's three
16. Bullring
17. Sets free
19. Thomas Jefferson's hair color
20. Brit's farewell
22. Olden word of woe
23. Bonanza character
24. Dandy's prop
26. Copycats
28. Tickle one's fancy
31. Hard as
32. Don a sari
33. Broly carrier's wear
35. Director Zinneman
36. Chlorophyll color
38. Drake U.'s state
39. House site
40. Codger
41. Star: suffix
42. Pyle portrayer
44. Doctrine
45. Employ
46. Mayberry lad
47. Take it \_\_\_\_\_ comes (2 wds.)

### DOWN

1. Untruthful person
2. National park measure
3. Competed
4. Actress Jillian
5. Stiff drinks
6. Popular fallacies author
7. Fabric ridge
8. Letter before aitch
9. Mote
10. Nays
11. AIA members
13. Certain reptiles, for short
15. Glens
18. Amassed debt
21. "The law is a \_\_\_\_\_" (Dickens)
23. Was firm
24. Be solicitous
25. To \_\_\_\_\_ (unanimous)
26. Ruth topper
27. Michelangelo masterpiece
29. Be a scene-stealer
30. Performed a carpentry task
31. Gridiron grp.
32. Kind of blanket
34. TV's 54, for one
36. Injure a matador
37. He ran against George and Bill
38. Conversational phrase
40. \_\_\_\_\_ Rica
41. Out of bed
43. Constructed
44. Tax figurer: abbr.
46. Chaos antonym
47. Wheel holder
48. Lyricless singing style
49. Obsolete VCR tape
50. \_\_\_\_\_ the way
51. Utopia
52. Part of overhead
53. Geller's claim to fame: abbr.
54. Author Compton-Burnett
55. Domineering Stooge
57. Singer Damone

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Jell-O® Homemade Pudding Pops

2 cups cold milk  
1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O® Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, any flavor  
6, 5-ounce paper cups

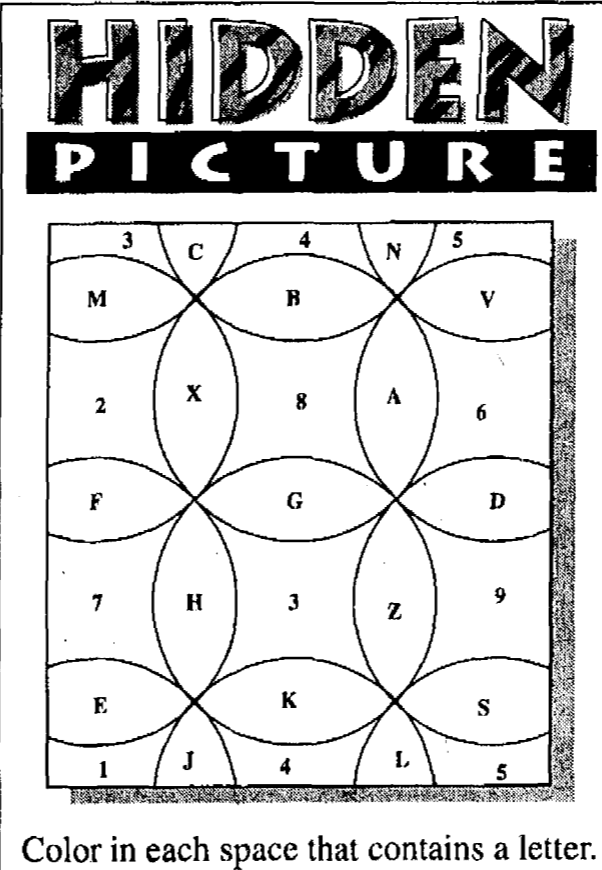
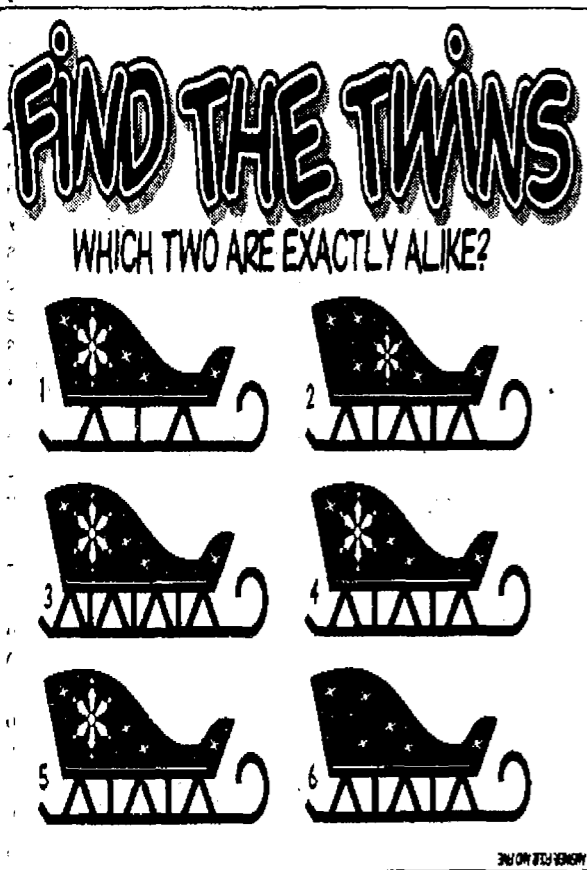
POUR milk into medium bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes. Spoon into paper cups. Insert wooden pop sticks into each for handle.

FREEZE 5 hours or overnight until firm. To remove pop from cup, place bottom of cup under warm running water for 15 seconds. Press firmly on bottom of cup to release chiller. (Do not twist or pull pop stick.) Store leftovers in freezer.

Variations:

Rocky Road Pudding Pops: Use JELL-O® Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, and stir in 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows and 1/4 cup each chopped peanuts and chocolate chips.

Double Decker Pudding Pops: Prepare 2 packages (4-serving size) JELL-O® Instant Pudding & Pie Filling, any flavors, each with 2 cups milk as directed on package for pudding. Spoon about 1/4 cup of one flavor pudding into each of 9 (5-ounce) paper cups. Repeat with remaining flavor of pudding.



The response to our latest fund-raisers has been wonderful: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly are big hits! We have only one of the Ocean-Opoly game, but a few of the others are still available. These games are fun while being educational and make great gifts, or to just chase away cabin fever. Cost is \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Games are available for purchase at J.Dap Co. and at the Avalanche office. "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy. The support of this community has allowed for many upgrades at the shelter in 2002. Stay tuned for details!

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 9, 2003

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 19  
Life seems mundane to you. Making just one small change, like updating your hairstyle or adopting a pet, could improve your perspective.

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
A friend has suffered a relapse. Plan something fun to boost their morale. Don't forget that important event at work.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22  
Changes are in store for your department at work. Look at them from the viewpoint of the company rather than yourself, and they will be much easier to accept.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 22  
It's time to tackle that home improvement project you have been putting off. The project may seem too large to do yourself, but if you divide it into stages, you will be finished with it in no time.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20-February 18  
Your desk at work is flooded with new ideas. Approach each of them with an open mind, and implement only those that will make an impact.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
You receive a pleasant surprise this week. Celebrate with all evening out. Some young friends need help; lend them a hand.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 22  
An unhappy client at work may mean longer hours. Make sure you have everything at home in order before the overtime starts.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23-November 21  
A family member has suffered a loss and is feeling lonely as a result. Set aside some time for them and be there when they need you.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20  
You were hoping for a break in your schedule, and you may soon have it. Take advantage of it and use the time wisely. It won't last long.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 21  
An old friend you lost touch with returns. Reconnect with them on a special outing. A financial matter requires your attention.

**VIRGO**  
August 23-September 22  
Some unexpected news this week at work could result in anger and chaos. Be prepared to help those around you accept the news graciously and react calmly.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22-December 21  
It's time to revise your budget. You have a new source of income that needs to be accounted for, as well as new debts. It wouldn't hurt to add more to your savings account.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H L SNOW	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
12/31	44 29						
1/1/03	29 16						
1/2/03	25 16	High 40	High 35	High 27	High 24	High 28	High 30
1/3/03	24 17 trace	Low 20	Low 13	Low 7	Low 10	Low 15	Low 14
1/4/03	26 15						
1/5/03	31 14						
1/6/03	29 20 1	Mostly Cloudy	Snow Showers/Wind	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow
1/7/03	29 9						

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

**IN "SHERWOOD FOREST"** Home for sale. Five bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen, dining, living and rec rooms, metal roof, new septic field, newer furnace, and wood burner, refrigerator, washer/dryer. Call Helena Gasser (989) 348-7330. (-9/1)

**NEWLY REMODELED MODULAR HOME** 1,456 sq. ft. Three bedroom, two full baths with fireplace. Extremely neat and clean. 8 x 12 shed, 10 x 12 deck, approximately one acre in quiet neighborhood, paved road, close to state land and Manistee River. Must see! \$69,900 Call (989) 344-1384 (-9-16/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**ONE ACRE, PARTIALLY CLEARED**, driveway, 1/2 mile south on Chase Bridge Road. \$7,000. Call (906) 643-8387. (-19-26-2-9/1)

**MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground** Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath.** Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-9-16-23-30/1)

### 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft, immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02tf/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, I-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square foot. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR2/28/03/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Suitable for offices and medical examining rooms. 775 sq. ft. 6251 M-72 West, one mile west of Grayling. \$550 month. (989) 348-4716 (-9/2)

**NICE, CLEAN TWO BEDROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$425 plus deposit. No pets. (989) 348-2418. (-9/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** on Arrowhead Rd. New bath, large kitchen and front room in quiet setting. \$1,150 moves you in. \$450 month plus \$450 security plus \$220 for new fill in fuel on tank. Call (989) 348-6334. (LR2/7/03/2)

**TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 and security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX** \$425 including utilities plus security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

**UNFURNISHED 1 1/2 bedroom** mobile home with garage. \$450 plus utilities per month, no pets. (989) 348-8468 (-9/2)

**FOUR BEDROOM TRAILER** for rent. \$400 per month plus deposit. (989) 348-3954 (-9/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** Natural gas heat and cooking. \$350 per month plus \$150 deposit. No pets. Call (989) 348-4131. (-9-16/2)

**FIREWOOD** \$35 a face cord. You haul or will deliver. (989) 350-5648. Also wood items built to suit. (-9/2)

**ONE OR TWO BEDROOM** upstairs apartment. Conveniently located downtown Grayling. \$375 per month, plus deposit, no pets. Call (989) 348-2833. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)

**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** on Old Lake Rd. \$500 plus utilities and security. (989) 348-5230 (-9-16/2)

**TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent between Kalkaska and Grayling. 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$485 a month plus deposit. (231) 275-6887 (-9/2)

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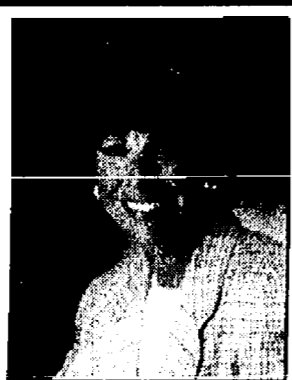
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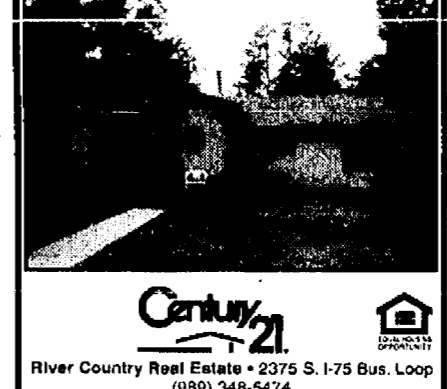
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### 1. Real Estate

**Nicely maintained home** on 5.78 acres located close to the AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Featuring 1,500 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, over 40 feet of kitchen counter space, enclosed screened porch and garden area. \$92,000 #5040 Ask for Connie!



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**TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH**, recently remodeled, in town, attached garage. \$395 per month plus utilities. References plus security deposit required. Call (231) 922-7170 (-9-16/2)

**LARGE TWO BEDROOM** home in the city of Grayling. \$400 per month plus deposit. Call (989) 344-8787 (-9-16/2)

**THREE BEDROOM DUPLEX HOME**, with garage in Roscommon, \$450 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (-9-16/2)

**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-9-16/2)

**RECENTLY REMODELED** 700 sq. ft two bedroom apartment at 201 Fulton in Grayling. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Hookup for washer and dryer in apartment and in locked storage space in basement. Air conditioned. Non-smoking. Must see to appreciate. Ideal for single or couple. \$485 per month \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call (989) 348-7143. (12/5/02tf/2)

**THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

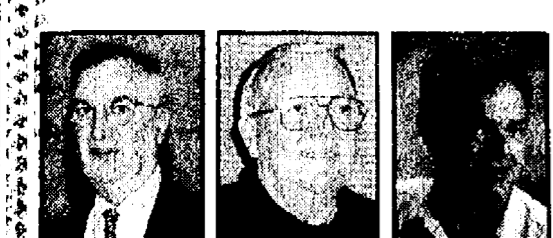
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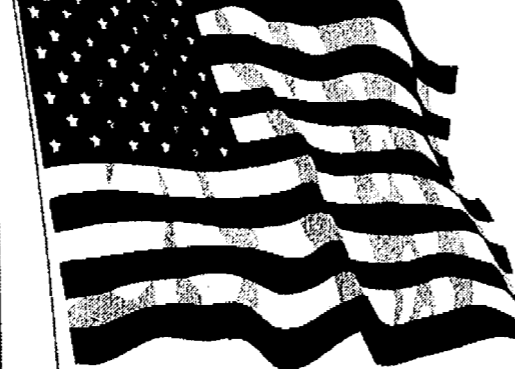


Spacious and elegant living on a peaceful 5 acre parcel abutting State land, close to Fox Run Golf Course and I-75. Many updates include finished, insulated garage w/new door, and electrical set up for generator, new lighting in kitchen and master bath, gas log in fireplace, new front storm door, additional concrete apron, new split rail fence and 2 new mercury vapor lights. \$235,000 #5062

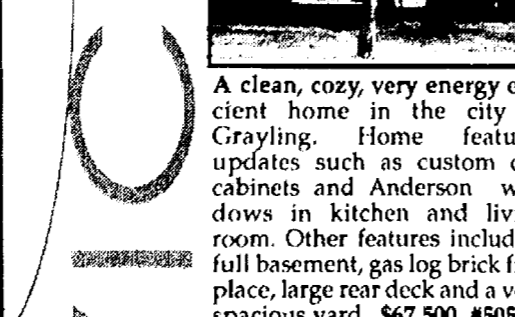
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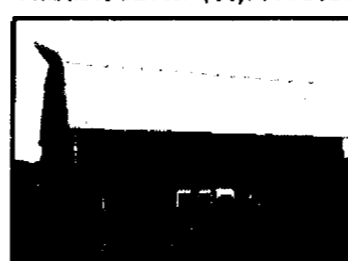
A clean, cozy, very energy efficient home in the city of Grayling. Home features updates such as custom oak cabinets and Anderson windows in kitchen and living room. Other features include a full basement, gas log brick fireplace, large rear deck and a very spacious yard. \$67,500 #5059



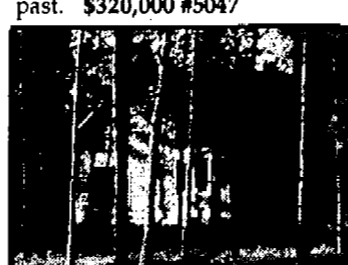
Well maintained mobile home has a great location close to public access points on the AuSable River, and close to snowmobile trails and State Land. Home has newer roof, water heater, furnace and well pump. Large shed was being converted into a guest cabin. \$24,500 #5049



Nice secluded, two bedroom cabin has one bathroom, includes stove and refrigerator and a guest house. Features a garden area, knot pine interior, two car garage and a storage shed. Property is very close to the AuSable River. \$86,500 #5024



120 acres, home, garage, and a large barn with hay loft. The home is older but spotless and in good condition with full basement and 5 bedrooms. Beautiful hardwoods cover about 45% of the property. Owner says tillable land is in excellent condition and has been used wisely in the past. \$320,000 #5047



This full log shell includes doors, windows and partitions for rooms. It is a one story construction with a loft and a 16x28 half log attached garage. Home does not include a well, septic, plumbing, heating, electrical or appliances. \$87,000 #4973



Motivated Seller! Well maintained, three bedroom, two bath home, situated on 2 lots, has a deeded easement to the AuSable River, and backs up to State Land. Featuring a master bedroom suite, solid 6 panel wood interior doors, large kitchen with island, paved driveway, shed and tons of beautiful landscaping. \$128,000 #5043



Great Location!! Only minutes from town. This three bedroom home has had many updates to include: house wrap and vinyl siding, vinyl windows, new roof and extra insulation to ceiling. (R-40) Garage is 16 x 30 with the back half being utilized as a workshop. \$78,000 #5011



208 feet of frontage of the AuSable River "Holy Waters" with a variance to build closer to the river! This clean two bedroom cabin is turn key ready and perfect for all season recreational fun. Steps lead down to a beautiful view of the world famous AuSable River \$160,500 #4958



Fine quality workmanship throughout! Stunning entrance into the 16 x 28 "Great Room" with beautiful Cedar Cathedral Ceilings. A large snack bar divides the kitchen from the living room. Kitchen offers a lot of cabinet space and counter area, along with some nifty features: slide out trays, two lazy Susans and appliance garage. \$125,000 #5061



This 1996 home has a very nice floor plan with master bedroom suite. Three bedrooms, two full bathrooms and a full basement. Situated on a nice one acre parcel out of town, offering seclusion. Public fishing site on the AuSable River is about two miles away. \$73,500 #5034



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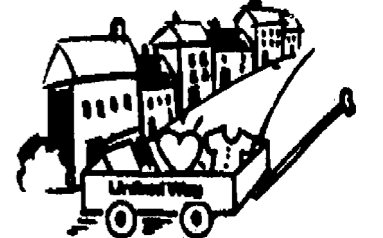


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The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of an Administrative Clerk.

Applicant should have as a minimum, three years of administrative support experience where use of a personal computer to prepare correspondence, reports, or to enter/retrieve/update information was an essential part of the work. Two years of professional experience in carrying out or auditing the systematic classification and evaluation of accounting data and the preparation of related financial and managerial reports.

Equivalent combinations of education and experience that provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities will be evaluated on an individual basis.

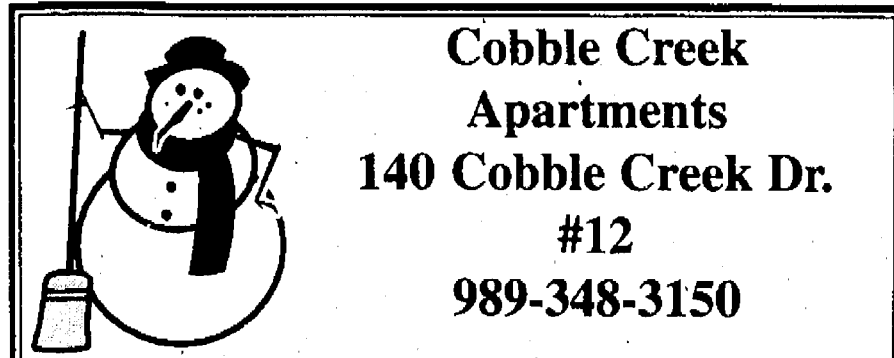
Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. January 18, 2003 at the Road Commission Office @ 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission  
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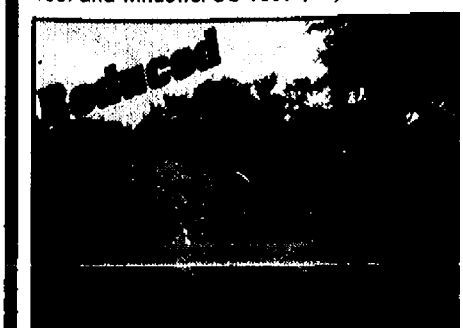
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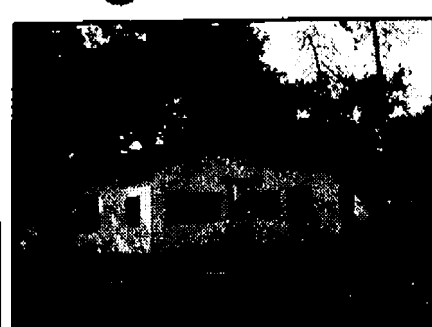
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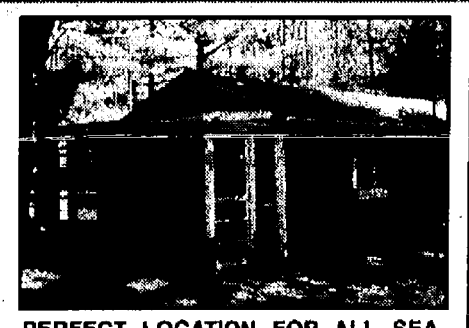
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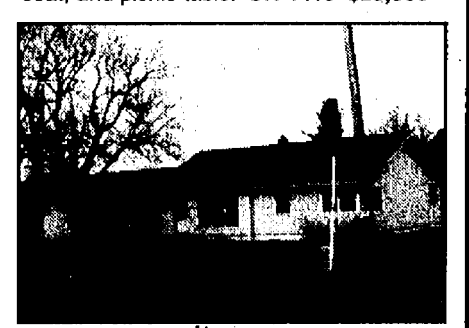
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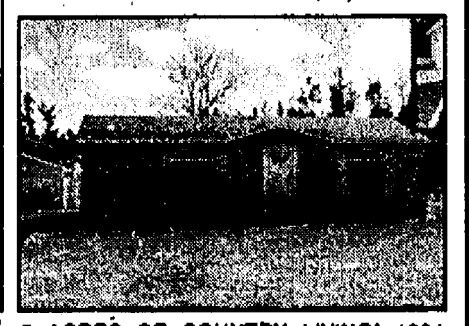
**LARGE FAMILY HOME ON 5 ACRES** with open floor plan. 2,786 s.f., presently configured as a 2 B/R with an extra large master suite, 2 baths, formal dining room, family room with wet bar, central air, partial basement, brick fireplace, 2 bow windows. 24x30 finished insulated garage. 24x36 two story pole barn with 16x26 lean to. Recent upgrades: garage, concrete approach, stone driveway, roof (wood, shingles, insulation), furnace, septic, drainfield, screen doors, some windows. CH-1582 \$125,000 Additional acreage available.



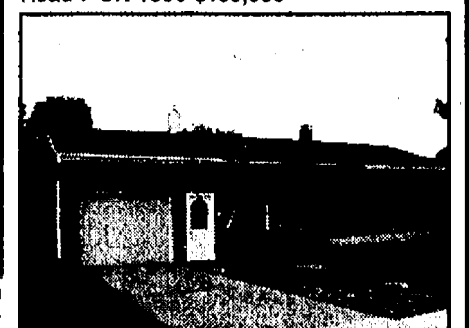
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V6, power windows and doors, CD/Cassette, real nice! #19267-1  
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Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY MONTE CARLO SS**  
Wow! Flame red with power moon roof and lots of goodies! This one won't be here long! #19267-1  
Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE**  
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp! #4728-1  
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**2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE**  
Sporty & Red, very nice and clean!  
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**2001 SATURN SL1**  
4 dr., auto with air. Only 8,000 miles.  
#4858  
Was \$13,988  
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**2003 PONTIAC VIBE**  
Auto, air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944  
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Blowout Price \$16,488 Not a Mistake!

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Blowout Price \$13,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE**  
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Awesome white diamond with chrome wheels, in great condition and priced like a Chevrolet. #18758-1  
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**1995 PLYMOUTH NEON**  
Great car for the price!  
#19278-1  
Was \$3,988  
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Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall!  
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Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME**  
Very nice with only 56,000 miles!  
#19357-2  
Was \$8,988  
Blowout Price \$7,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 CHEVY LUMINA**  
LS, only 35,000 miles and clean! New tires, fully equipped!  
#19561-1  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1998 DODGE NEON**  
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy! #18990-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE**  
Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means!  
#19485-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,488 Not a Mistake!

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Highline 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice!  
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**1997 OLDS AURORA**  
Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2  
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GL, loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1  
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Nice used car with lots of quality driving left in it. #4858-1  
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Auto, with air! Very clean! Must See! Great Gas!  
Mileage! #4882  
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**1997 DODGE STRATUS ES**  
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Was \$5,988  
Blowout Price \$4,988 Not a Mistake!

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LS, loaded and clean as they come! Don't snooze on this one! #4855-1  
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Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

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**1997 CHEVY K1500**  
Full size pickup, 4x4, V8, nice truck.  
#19387-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB 4x4**  
Sportside, V8, Very Nice! Lots of eye appeal! #4873  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4x4**  
V-6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice!  
#4967  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter!  
#4936  
Was \$19,988  
Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4**  
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded! Only 29,000 miles! #4896  
Was \$31,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB**  
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air! V-8, with only 10,000 miles! #4899  
Was \$17,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4x4**  
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Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!

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Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean!  
#4923  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 DODGE RAM**  
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#19467-1  
Was \$12,988  
Blowout Price \$10,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 DODGE DURANGO 4x4**  
Fully equipped, low miles, 3 seats, running boards, all there! #4902  
Was \$24,988  
Blowout Price \$21,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN**  
4x4, neat as a pin, all of the seats, this one won't last! #19241-1  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$20,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE**  
Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new!  
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Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$10,488 Not a Mistake!

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Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.**  
4x4, LS Trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940  
Was \$30,988  
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

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**1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4x4**  
SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp!  
#4818  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$13,988 Not a Mistake!

**2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4x4**  
Z71 LT with leather! All of the goodies and only 18,000 miles! #19479-1  
Was \$26,988  
Blowout Price \$23,988 Not a Mistake!

**1999 S-10 EXT. CAB**  
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, lift, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$11,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT**  
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful! #19371-1  
Was \$18,488  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 FORD EXPLORER**  
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1  
Was \$13,988  
Blowout Price \$12,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 GMC YUKON 4x4**  
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931  
Was \$27,988  
Blowout Price \$25,488 Not a Mistake!

**2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS**  
With leather, only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4847  
Was \$22,988  
Blowout Price \$16,988 Not a Mistake!

**1998 JEEP WRANGLER**  
Sahara top of the line! V-8, 5 spd., air, hardtop, 2 tops, very nice! Worry Free Warranty! #19407-1  
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Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 PONTIAC MONTANA**  
Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969  
Was \$14,988  
Blowout Price \$12,988 Not a Mistake!

**2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE**  
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Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY K2500 3/4 TON 4x4**  
Ext. Cab, Nice truck and ready for winter! Only 53,000 miles! #19521-1  
Was \$15,988  
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

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**1995 CHEVY C1500**  
2 Wheel drive, V6, stick. Decent Truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1  
Was \$6,988  
Blowout Price \$5,988 Not a Mistake!

**1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**  
6 cyl. nice! Ready for winter!  
#19180-3  
Was \$9,988  
Blowout Price \$8,488 Not a Mistake!

**1997 CHEVY BLAZER 4x4**  
4 dr., nicely equipped, only 70,000 miles!  
#19528-1  
Was \$11,988  
Blowout Price \$9,988 Not a Mistake!

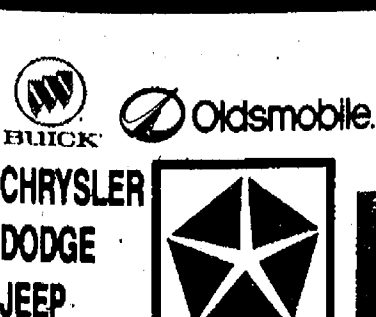
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Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1  
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Blowout Price \$6,988 Not a Mistake!

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4x4 SLT, 3 seats, fully equipped! V-8, very clean. Has a few miles but what a bargain! #19348-1  
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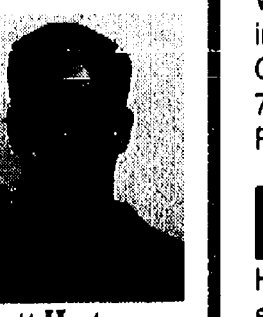
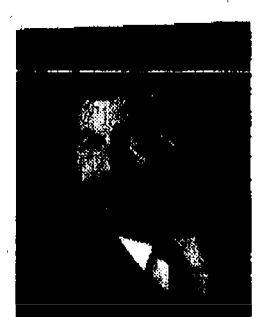
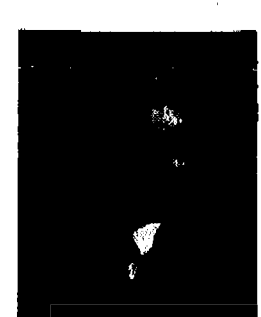
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2 Dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter!  
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**1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB**  
2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883  
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Blowout Price \$8,988 Not a Mistake!

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2 Wheel Drive, V-8, Neat as a pin, fully equipped.  
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